

St. Clair County Senior Resource Guide

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The ***St. Clair County Senior Resource Guide*** was designed to help you find the information and resources you need. Many services and programs were identified to assist you in locating resources that address specific areas of need for senior citizens, their families, and caregivers. We encourage you to contact organizations directly for more detailed information.

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For Personalized Assistance

If you would like to speak with someone directly about available assistance for seniors in St. Clair County contact one of the agencies below and they will be able to provide additional information.

2-1-1 Information & Referral

1723 Military Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 2-1-1

Website: www.211nemichigan.org

Area Agency on Aging 1-B

29100 Northwestern Highway, Suite 400, Southfield, MI 48034

Phone: 800-852-7795

Website: www.aaa1b.org

Blue Water Center for Independent Living

1042 Griswold Street #2, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-987-9337

Website: www.bwcil.org

Community First Health Centers

Algonac: 555 St. Clair River Drive, Algonac, MI 48001

Phone: 810-794-4917

Port Huron: 1011 Military Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-488-8000

Website: www.communityfirsthc.org

The Council on Aging, Inc. Serving St. Clair County

600 Grand River Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-5061 or 800-297-0099

Website: www.thecouncilonaging.org

St. Clair County Department of Health and Human Services

220 Fort Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-966-2000

Website: www.michigan.gov/dhhs

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EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

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AMBULANCE (Non-Emergency)

Tri-Hospital EMS810-985-7115

ELDER ABUSE855-444-3911

FIRE DEPARTMENTS (Non-Emergency)

Algonac/Clay810-794-9347

Burtchville810-385-4443

Capac/Mussey810-395-4915

Emmett810-384-6991

Fort Gratiot810-385-5666

Grant810-327-1122

Greenwood810-387-9009

Ira586-725-7771

Kimball810-982-9461

Marine City810-765-8840

Marysville810-364-6611

Memphis810-392-2185

Port Huron City810-984-9750

Port Huron Twp810-982-3543

St. Clair810-329-3360

Yale/Brockway810-387-3662

POISON CONTROL800-222-1222

POLICE DEPARTMENTS (Non-Emergency)

Michigan State Police800-495-4677

St. Clair County Sheriff Department810-987-1700

Algonac810-794-9722

Capac810-395-4351

Clay810-794-9381

Marine City810-765-4040

Marysville810-364-6300

Memphis810-392-2144

Port Huron810-984-8415

St. Clair810-329-5710

Yale810-387-4201

POLLUTION EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM800-292-4706

ST. CLAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Main	810-987-5300
Beach Closing	810-987-7253
Community Health Education & Outreach	810-987-5300
Environmental Health	810-987-5306
Flu Hotline	810-966-4161
Immunizations	810-987-5729

SUICIDE PREVENTION 800-273-8255

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Search & Rescue (Non-Emergency) 810-984-2603

UTILITIES

DTE Energy	800-477-4747
SEMCO Energy—Gas Leaks/Emergency	888-427-1427
Water Department—Port Huron	810-984-9763

ADULT DAY PROGRAMS

Adult day programs are community-based programs designed to serve adults who are physically impaired or mentally confused that may require supervision, socialization and/or assistance with personal care or other daily living activities.

LOCAL RESOURCES

Starpath Adult Day Services

The Council on Aging, Inc. serving St. Clair County

600 Grand River Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-8970

Website: www.thecouncilonaging.org

VNA & Blue Water Hospice, Specialized Adult Day Program

For individuals with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's or other related forms of dementia

1430 Military Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-4131

Website: www.vnabwh.com

STATE RESOURCES

Area Agency on Aging 1-B

29100 Northwestern Highway, Suite 400, Southfield, MI 48034

Phone: 800-852-7795

Website: www.aaa1b.org

Michigan Adult Day Services Association

Phone: 616-485-5018

Website: www.mimadsa.org

ADULT FOSTER CARE/HOMES FOR THE AGED

Adult Foster Care (AFC) homes (sometimes called Homes for the Aged) are residential settings that provide general supervision and personal care services for individuals can no longer live independently.

The State of Michigan licenses and regulates all AFC homes within St. Clair County. If you or your loved ones can no longer live independently and need licensed adult care, you may be eligible for assistance through the Adult Community Placement program. If you are uncertain about the level of care needed by the individual seeking AFC, check with the individual's doctor or with:

St. Clair County Department of Health & Human Services

220 Fort Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-966-2000

Universal Case Load Services Hotline: 844-464-3447

Website: www.michigan.gov/mdhhs

Choosing an AFC that will best fit your needs can be challenging. Make sure to carefully observe the conditions and environment of the home and ask a lot of questions. Questions to consider:

- Who is providing the care in the home?
- What are the policies of the home?
- What are the schedules and routines?
- Would you feel comfortable living with the other residents?
- What are the costs and fees?
- Is there a current license posted?
- Have there been any complaints made about this facility?

Maintaining a current list of all AFC homes is challenging as homes may offer varying levels of care or only cater to a specific age group or condition. You may search for an Adult Foster Care Home/Homes for the Aged by visiting:

<http://w1.lara.state.mi.us/AdultFosterCare>

On this site, you can search by name or county. You will be able to review the type of facility, the services provided, and inspection or complaint/investigational reports.

HOMES FOR THE AGED

Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home

2732 Cherry Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-985-5631

Website: www.sanborngratiot.org/

ALCOHOL & SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Among older adults, prescription, over-the-counter medications, and alcohol are commonly misused. Misuse of alcohol or other drugs is a common cause of physical and mental health problems in older adults.

LOCAL RESOURCES

Alcoholics Anonymous of St. Clair County – District 23

Phone: 810-987-8884 or 866-327-8884

Website: www.aadistrict23.org

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan - Port Huron office

2601 13th Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-987-9100

Toll Free: 855-88-CCSEM

Website: www.ccsem.org

Celebrate Recovery

A Christ-Centered 12 Step Recovery Program

Lakeport Phone: 810-679-2065

Cottrellville: 810-278-1214

Website: www.celebraterecovery.com

Community First Health Centers

Algonac: 555 St. Clair River Drive, Algonac, MI 48001

Phone: 810-794-4917

Port Huron: 1011 Military Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-488-8000

Website: www.communityfirsthc.org

IMPACT/ The Center for Human Resources

1001 Military Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-985-5437

Toll Free: 866-985-5168

Website: www.impactph.org

Families Against Narcotics

Phone: 810-434-8687

Email: bluewater@familiesagainstnarcotics.com

LOCAL RESOURCES CONTINUED

Huron House, Inc.

3252 24th Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-8781

Website: www.huronhouseinc.com

Narcotics Anonymous of St. Clair County

Michigan Hotline: 800-230-4085

Website: www.michigan-na.org/blue-water-area/meetings

Professional Counseling Center, P.C.

520 Superior Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-4202

Website: www.pccporthuron.com

Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center

Clearview Women's Treatment Center

400 Stoddard Road, Memphis, MI 48041

Phone: 810-392-2167 or 888-802-7472

Port Huron Outpatient & Recovery Housing

1406 8th Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-987-1258

Website: www.sacredheartcenter.com

St. Clair County Community Mental Health

Port Huron: 3111 Electric Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-985-8900

Access Line (24/7): 888-225-4447

Mobile Crisis Unit: 810-966-2575

West-Capac: 14675 Downey Road, Capac, MI 48014

Phone: 810-395-4343

South-Marine City: 135 Broadway Street, Marine City, MI 48039

Phone: 810-765-5010

Website: www.scccmh.org

SAMHSA

Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration Referral Service

Phone: 800-662-HELP

ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

The State of Michigan **does not license** assisted living or independent living facilities. Michigan law requires a license for Adult Foster Care/Homes for the Aged that provide personal care, meals, and supervision for 24 hours a day for five or more days a week.

Residents of “assisted living” facilities usually have their own units or apartment. In addition to having a support staff and providing meals, most assisted living facilities may also offer health care management and monitoring by using a third-party service (such as a home care agency). They may also provide services such as help with activities of daily living, housekeeping and laundry or help with medications, for an additional fee.

In addition to visiting facilities to see what services are offered, you should also check if the facility is licensed or if they have any complaints filed:

<http://w1.lara.state.mi.us/AdultFosterCare>

*See the chapter, **Adult Foster Care/Homes for the Aged** for more information on licensed facilities.*

*See the chapter, **Independent Senior Living** for a listing of facilities that may offer additional assistance.*

CAREGIVER RESOURCES

A caregiver refers to anyone who provides assistance to someone else who is in some degree incapacitated and needs help. **Informal caregivers** and family caregiver are terms that refer to unpaid individuals such as family members, friends and neighbors who provide care. These individuals can be primary or secondary caregivers, full time or part time, and can live with the person being cared for or live separately. **Formal caregivers** are volunteers or paid care provider associated with a service system.

LOCAL RESOURCES

Area Agency on Aging 1-B

29100 Northwestern Highway, Suite 400, Southfield, MI 48034

Phone: 800-852-7795

Website: www.aaa1b.org

More information: Provide caregivers with a variety of information and resources to help relieve the stress of care giving.

The Council on Aging Inc., Serving St. Clair County

Port Huron Area Senior Center: 600 Grand River Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-5061 or 800-297-0099

Conrad Community Center—Capac: 585 N. Main, Capac, MI 48014

Phone: 810-395-7889 or 800-361-8877

Washington Life Center: 403 N. Mary Street, Marine City, MI 48039

Phone: 810-765-3523 or 800-779-4488

Yale Area Senior Center: 3 First Street, Yale, MI 48097

Phone: 810-387-3720 or 800-717-4422

Website: www.thecouncilonaging.org

SUPPORT GROUPS

Support groups are sponsored throughout the community to enable persons facing similar problems to cope through the sharing of experiences, practical suggestions, and emotional support.

Support groups can be general, or they can be disease specific. If you are seeking support that is disease specific, contact the national agency associated with it, such as the Alzheimer's Association for an Alzheimer's support group. Meetings are often held in hospitals, or within the community at locations such as churches.

DEMENTIA & ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Dementia is a general term that describes a wide range of symptoms associated with a decline in mental ability. **Alzheimer's disease** is the most common form of dementia, accounting for 60 to 80 percent of dementia cases. Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging, although the greatest known risk factor is increasing age.

Many dementias, including Alzheimer's disease, are progressive; meaning symptoms start out slowly and gradually get worse. If you or a loved one is experiencing memory difficulties or other changes in thinking skills, don't ignore them. See a doctor soon to determine the cause. Professional evaluation may detect a treatable condition. And even if symptoms suggest dementia, early diagnosis allows a person to get the maximum benefit from available treatments. It also provides time to plan for the future.

LOCAL RESOURCES

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

McLaren Port Huron 55Plus

1320 Washington Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-989-3121

More information: This support group is affiliated with the Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter. Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. in the Jefferson Building.

Dementia & Alzheimer's Resource Committee

600 Grand River Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-990-9558

Website: www.darcsc.org

More information: The Dementia & Alzheimer's Resource Committee's mission is to support caregivers and those living with dementia and Alzheimer's disease through awareness, education, respite care grants and resource referral. Respite Care grants are available to those who have been diagnosed with dementia or Alzheimer's disease and reside in St. Clair County.

RESOURCES FOR CAREGIVERS

Caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease can draw on many sources of help for caregiving and financial support. Here are some places that provide general support and advice for Alzheimer's caregivers.

- **The Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral (ADEAR) Center** offers information on diagnosis, treatment, patient care, caregiver needs, long-term care, research, and clinical trials related to Alzheimer's. Staff can refer you to local and national resources, or you can search for information on the website. The Center, a service of the National Institute on Aging, can be reached at 1-800-438-4380 or www.nia.nih.gov/alzheimers.
- **The Alzheimer's Association** offers information, a help line, and support services to people with Alzheimer's and their caregivers. Call or search online to find support groups in your area: Harry L. Nelson Helpline 1-800-272-3900 or visit www.alz.org.
- **The Alzheimer's Foundation of America** provides information about Alzheimer's caregiving and a list of services for people with Alzheimer's. Services include a toll-free hotline, publications, and other educational materials. Contact the Foundation at 1-866-232-8484 or visit www.alzfdn.org
- **The National Institute on Aging Information Center** offers free publications about aging in English and Spanish. They can be viewed, printed, and ordered from the Internet. Contact the Center at 1-800-222-2225 or visit www.nia.nih.gov.

Caregivers need to take care of themselves too. Consider using **respite care** which is a service that provides caregivers with temporary relief from tasks associated with caregiving (see *Respite Care* chapter for more information).

Consider enrolling your loved one in an **Adult Day Program**. Adult Day Programs offer structured programs with social activities and health-related and rehabilitation services that are provided in a safe setting. Look at the chapter on *Adult Day Programs* for additional information.

Ensure your **legal and financial** documents are in order. Look at the chapters on *Legal Assistance* for more information.

There are many options for housing for people with dementia or Alzheimer's disease. Some can provide care at home with additional support (look at Home Health Care chapter). Others may need more support such as **long-term care** (look at the options for care in the *Adult Foster Care/Homes for the Aged, Assisted Living and the Nursing & Rehab Chapters*).

DENTAL ASSISTANCE

Lack of dental care coverage is a serious problem for seniors, as dental health is not covered by Medicare. Not only is dental care often expensive, but also dental health is of utmost importance in the maintenance of a vigorous, useful life.

LOCAL RESOURCES

Community First Health Centers

Algonac: 555 St. Clair River Drive, Algonac, MI 48001

Phone: 810-794-4917

Port Huron: 1011 Military Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-488-8000

Website: www.communityfirsthc.org

More information: Dental services are available at the New Haven location.

Transportation may be arranged through local offices.

Lonnie J. Stevens Community Dental Clinic

3037 Electric Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-5197 or 877-406-2323

New patients call: 877-313-6232

Website: www.mydental.org

More information: My Community Dental Centers (MCDC) offers services to individuals who have Medicaid as well as discounted dental services to non-Medicaid, low-income individuals and families through the MyDental Plan (MyDP) on a sliding fee scale based on income verification.

Michigan Donated Dental Services (DDS)

Phone: 517-346-9455

Website: www.smilemichigan.com/DDS

Free dental care (includes extractions, oral surgery, and dentures) through volunteer dentists and dental labs. Must be over 65, or permanently disabled or medically compromised AND uninsured and low income. DDS cannot take dental emergencies.

DISABILITY SERVICES

A disability is any continuing condition that restricts everyday activities. The Disability Services Act (1993) defines 'disability':

- which is attributable to an intellectual, psychiatric, cognitive, neurological, sensory or physical impairment or a combination of those impairments
- which is permanent or likely to be permanent
- which may or may not be of a chronic or episodic nature
- which results in substantially reduced capacity of the person for communication, social interaction, learning or mobility and a need for continuing support services.

With the assistance of appropriate aids and services, the restrictions experienced by many people with a disability may be overcome.

LOCAL RESOURCES

The Arc of St. Clair County

1530 Pine Grove Avenue, Suite 3, Port Huron MI 48060

Phone: 810-989-9144

Website: www.thearcsccl.org/

Blue Water Center for Independent Living

1042 Griswold Street #2, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-987-9337

Website: www.bwcil.org

Community Enterprises of St. Clair County

Main Building: 1033 26th Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-982-3261

River District: 1000 Degurse Avenue, Marine City, MI 48039

Phone: 810-765-3300

Enriching Community Life: 1182 Gratiot Boulevard, Marysville, MI 48040

Phone: 810-364-0753

Website: www.cescc.org

Goodwill Industries of St. Clair County

1013 26th Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-987-9333

Website: www.goodwillsccl.org

LOCAL RESOURCES CONTINUED

Special Dreams Farm

6524 Fred W Moore Highway, St. Clair, MI 48079

Phone: 810-326-1027

Website: www.specialdreamsfarm.org

St. Clair County Community Mental Health

Port Huron: 3111 Electric Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Administration Phone: 810-985-8900

West: Capac: 14675 Downey Road, Capac, Michigan 48014

Phone: (810) 395-4343

South: Marine City: 135 Broadway Street, Marine City, Michigan 48039

Phone: (810) 765-5010

Crisis Line, available 24-hours a day: **888-225-4447**

Toll Free TTY: 888-225-1973

Customer Service for Non-Emergency Calls: **888-225-4447**

Website: www.scccmh.org

United States Social Security Administration

2620 Krafft Road, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059

Phone: 800-772-1213

Website: www.ssa.gov

ELDER ABUSE & CRIME PREVENTION

Adult Protective Services investigators protect vulnerable adults from abuse, neglect and exploitation by coordinating with mental health, public health, law enforcement, the probate courts, the aging network, community groups and the general public.

Vulnerable: A condition in which an adult is unable to protect himself or herself from abuse, neglect, or exploitation because of a mental or physical impairment or advanced age.

Abuse: Harm or threatened harm to an adult's health or welfare caused by another person. Abuse may be physical, sexual or emotional.

Neglect: Harm to an adult's health or welfare caused by the inability of the adult to respond to a harmful situation (self-neglect) or the conduct of a person who assumes responsibility for a significant aspect of the adult's health or welfare.

Exploitation: Misuse of an adult's funds, property, or personal dignity by another person.

If you suspect abuse, neglect or exploitation, call **855-444-3911** any time day or night to make a report. Staff will investigate allegations within 24 hours after the report is received.

Sexual Assault Hotline: 855-VOICES4



LOCAL RESOURCES

Adult Protective Services

St. Clair County Department of Health and Human Services

220 Fort Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-966-2000

Website: www.michigan.gov/mdhhs

Blue Water Safe Horizons

1530 Pine Grove Avenue #2, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-985-4950, ext. 213

24 Hours Crisis Line: 888-985-5538

More information: Blue Water Safe Horizons offers shelter and support services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse and homelessness. The services and support programs are delivered to the community in a variety of formats ranging from shelter and housing to support groups and legal advocacy.

LOCAL & STATE RESOURCES

Lakeshore Legal Aid

810 10th Avenue #C, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-985-5107

Senior Toll-free: 888-783-8190

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

More information: Lakeshore Legal Aid is a not-for-profit law firm providing free civil legal services to low income people and seniors.

Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, Inc.

4095 Legacy Parkway, Suite 500, Lansing, MI 48911-4263

Phone: 517-487-1755

Toll-free: 800-288-5923

TTY: 800-288-5923

Website: www.mpas.org

More information: Michigan Protection & Advocacy Service, Inc (MPAS) is the independent, private, nonprofit organization designated by the governor of the Michigan to advocate and protect the legal rights of people with disabilities in Michigan. MPAS services include information and referral, short-term assistance, selected individual and legal representation, systemic advocacy, monitoring, and training.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A majority of seniors live on a fixed income, and have difficulty keeping up with the cost of living today. However, many programs and services are available to provide financial assistance to those in need, either short term or long term.

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302 Michigan Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-982-8541

Website: www.bwcaa.org

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan - Port Huron office

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Website: www.ccsem.org

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Website: www.thecouncilonaging.org

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Universal Case Load Services Hotline: 844-464-3447

Website: www.michigan.gov/mdhhs

LOCAL RESOURCES CONTINUED

Saint Vincent DePaul Society

1335 24th Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-5392

Website: www.svdpdet.org/

Salvation Army-Port Huron

2000 Court Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-2679

Website: www.salvationarmy.org

FOOD & NUTRITION

A majority of seniors live on a fixed income, and have difficulty keeping up with the cost of living today. There are resources that can help with a variety of things from delivering a meal to your door, a place where you can go to get a meal, emergency food resources.

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Website: www.211nemichigan.org

Blue Water Community Action

302 Michigan Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-982-8541

Website: www.bwcaa.org

The Center of Port Huron

723 Court St Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-982-9519

Harbor Impact Ministries

1963 Allen Road, Kimball, MI 48074

Phone: 810-982-5312

Website: www.harborimpactministries.com

Meals on Wheels-The Council on Aging Inc., Serving St. Clair County

600 Grand River Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-5061 or 800-297-0099

Website: www.thecouncilonaging.org

Mid-City Nutrition

805 Chestnut Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-982-9261

Website: www.midcitynutritionsoupkitchen.com

LOCAL RESOURCES CONTINUED

MSU Extension St. Clair County

200 Grand River Avenue # 102, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-989-6935

Website: www.canr.msu.edu/st_clair/

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Phone: 1-855-ASK-MICH (855-275-6424)

Salvation Army-Port Huron

2000 Court Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-2679

Website: www.salvationarmy.org

Current list of local food pantries:

<http://www.uwstclair.org/st-clair-county-food-pantries>

Current list of mobile food distribution:

<https://www.optrans.org/food-distribution>

HOME HEALTH CARE: **PRIVATE DUTY & PERSONAL CARE**

Private Duty covers a wide array of services in the home. The client does not need to be homebound, or under the care of a physician. Services range from personal care and bathing to laundry, housekeeping, meal preparation, errands/shopping and transportation to doctor appointments. Most insurance do not cover private duty services.

LOCAL RESOURCES

Comfort Keepers

942 Military Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-249-2561

Website: www.comfortkeepers.com

Crystal Cares Home Care

2321 Water Street, Suite E, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-882-9915

Website: www.crystalshomecare.com

Harbor Health Private Care, Inc.

1100 Degurse Avenue, Marine City, MI 48039

Phone: 810-765-7144

Website: www.harborhealthservices.com

RX Family Home Care Services

110 South Third Street, Suite 150, St. Clair, MI 48079

Phone: 810-328-3934

Website: www.stclairhomecare.com

Visiting Angels of St. Clair County

1530 Pine Grove Avenue, Suite 7, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-966-2273

Website: www.visitingangels.com

VNA & Blue Water Hospice

1430 Military Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-4131

Website: www.vnabwh.com/

More information: Grant services available for underserved.

HOME HEALTH CARE: **SKILLED HOME HEALTH CARE**

Skilled care in the home covers an array of services that are intended for the home bound client. To qualify, the client must meet the criteria for homebound and be under the care of a physician. These services include Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Medical Social Workers, Home Health Aides and Registered Dietitians. Most insurance, including Medicare, cover skilled homecare. Below are listings of home health care agencies with offices in St. Clair County. There are several other companies who service St. Clair County with offices outside the county.

LOCAL RESOURCES

Beacon Home Care

415 Quay Street, Port Huron, MI 48036

Phone: 810-966-3480

Website: www.beaconcares.com

Harbor Health Private Care, Inc.

1100 Degurse Avenue, Marine City, MI 48039

Phone: 810-765-7144

Website: www.harborhealthservices.com

McLaren Health Management Group

1411 Third Street, Suite C, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 866-323-5974

Website: www.mclaren.org/homecare

RX Family Home Care Services

110 South Third Street, Suite 150, St. Clair, MI 48079

Phone: 810-328-3934

Website: www.stclairhomecare.com

VNA & Blue Water Hospice

1430 Military Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-4131

Website: www.vnabwh.com

HOME MAINTENANCE

REPAIR & WINTERIZATION LOCAL RESOURCES

Bluewater Community Action

302 Michigan Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-982-8541 - Toll Free: 877-627-0422

Website: www.bwcaa.org

City of Port Huron

Municipal Office Center, 100 McMorran Boulevard, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-9736 – Community Development Department

Website: www.porthuron.org

The Council on Aging, Inc. serving St. Clair County

600 Grand River Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-987-8811 or 800-297-0099

Website: www.thecouncilonaging.org

WHEELCHAIR LIFTS & RAMPS LOCAL RESOURCES

Community Enterprises

1033 26th Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-982-3261

Website: www.cescc.org

The Council on Aging, Inc. serving St. Clair County

600 Grand River Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-987-8811

Website: www.thecouncilonaging.org

St. Clair County Department of Health & Human Services

220 Fort Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-966-2000

Website: www.michigan.gov/mdhhs

United Way ~ Ramp Program

1723 Military Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-985-8169 ext. 128

Website: www.uwstclair.org

HOMELESSNESS

Homelessness is defined as individuals or families who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including persons residing in emergency shelters or places not meant for human habitation, as well as those who are at imminent risk of homelessness. There are several agencies that can provide help.

LOCAL RESOURCES

2-1-1 Information & Referral

1723 Military Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 2-1-1

Website: www.211nemichigan.org

Blue Water Development Housing

1600 Gratiot Boulevard # 1, Marysville, MI 48040

Phone: 810-388-1200

Website: www.bwdh.org

Blue Water Center for Independent Living

1042 Griswold Street #2, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-987-9337

Website: www.bwcil.org

Bluewater Community Action Agency (HARA)

302 Michigan Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-982-8541 - Toll Free: 877-627-0422

Website: www.bwcaa.org

P & M Housing Services LLP

17 17th Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-479-9820

St. Clair County Department of Health & Human Services

220 Fort Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-966-2000

Universal Case Load Services Hotline: 844-464-3447

Website: www.michigan.gov/mdhhs

Sanborn Gratiot Memorial House

2732 Cherry Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-985-5631

Website: www.sanborngratiot.org/

HOSPICE CARE

Hospice care is end-of-life care, focusing on the person, not the disease. The hospice care team provides medical care and expertise in pain and symptom management to enhance quality of life. Hospice programs also provide services catering to the patient's unique needs and support services for the patient's family. Hospice services are covered 100% by Medicare and Medicaid, as well as many private insurances.

Hospice care can take place at home, at a hospice facility, in a hospital, or in a skilled nursing facility.

LOCAL RESOURCES

Grace Hospice

1985 Gratiot Avenue, Suite 1 C, Marysville, MI 48040

Phone: 810-294-8580

Website: www.ghospice.com

McLaren Hospice

1411 Third Street, Suite C, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 866-323-5974

Website: www.mclaren.org/homecare

VNA & Blue Water Hospice

1430 Military Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-4131

Website: www.vnabwh.com

HOSPICE FACILITY

Blue Water Hospice Home

2795 Edison Drive, Marysville, MI 48040

Phone: 810-984-4131

Website: www.vnabwh.com

More information: Grants available through United Way and Medicaid.

HOSPITALS & URGENT CARE CENTERS

If you are having a life-threatening health condition, please call 9-1-1. This would include the following:

- Symptoms of a stroke, including sudden numbness in an extremity
- Symptoms of a heart attack, including chest pain and/or shortness of breath
- Seizures or loss of consciousness
- Severe injuries, such as fractures or head trauma
- Vomiting or coughing up blood
- Bleeding that won't stop or deep cuts
- Severe burns
- Severe abdominal pain

If you feel your symptoms require immediate medical attention, go to the Emergency Room, where medical professionals can determine which level of care is required.

LOCAL HOSPITALS

Ascension River District Hospital

4100 River Road, East China, MI 48054

Phone: 810-329-7111

Website: www.ascension.org

Lake Huron Medical Center

2601 Electric Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-216-1500

Website: www.mylakehuron.com

- Senior Services
Phone: 810-216-1035
Contact the senior services coordinator to learn more about programs and services available to seniors.

McLaren Port Huron

1221 Pine Grove Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-987-5000

HealthAccess: 800-228-1484

Website: www.mclaren.org/ph

- McLaren Port Huron 55Plus
1320 Washington Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060
Phone: 810-989-3121
55Plus is a free membership program for adults age 55 and over which provides access to educational programs, screenings, and discounts.

HOUSING NEAR HOSPITALS

Hunter Hospitality House, Inc.

Lake Huron Medical Center Location: 2509 10th Street, Port Huron

McLaren Port Huron/Karmanos Cancer Institute: 1010 Lincoln Avenue, Port Huron

Phone: 810-824-3679 (both locations)

*Registrations by appointment only, between the hours of 9am-7:30pm

More Information: Hunter Hospitality House provides a free, welcoming, relaxing home-away-from-home steps away from each hospital in Port Huron for adults in need of restoration while their loved ones are patients in the hospital. HHH is also available for outpatients between treatments, and for those who need a place to stay the night before a medical procedure or appointment.

URGENT CARE

Urgent care centers are usually used to treat patients with medical conditions that require immediate attention but are not serious enough to warrant a visit to an emergency room. Conditions that may be effectively treated at urgent care centers include:

- Sprains and strains
- Infections, including urinary tract or respiratory infections
- Minor cuts with controlled bleeding
- Colds, coughs and sore throat
- Flu symptoms and/or fever
- Skin rashes and minor injuries

Most urgent care centers have extended hours, including evenings and weekends, and offer walk-in appointments.

Ascension Michigan Urgent Care

955 Fred W Moore Highway, St. Clair, MI 48079

Phone: 810-326-3894

MedExpress Urgent Care Center

3550 Pine Grove Avenue, Port Huron

Phone: 810-989-2530

Physicians Health Care Network

Fort Gratiot: 4190 24th Avenue, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059

Phone: 810-989-7788

Marysville: 3350 Gratiot Boulevard, Marysville, MI 48040

Phone: 810-364-4000

IMMUNIZATIONS

Older adults are especially vulnerable to certain diseases, such as influenza and pneumonia. Vaccinations help older people protect themselves from getting influenza, pneumonia and other illnesses. According to the CDC older adults need vaccinations to protect themselves against the following diseases:

- Seasonal Influenza
- Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough)
- Shingles (based on availability)
- Pneumococcal disease

If you're unsure whether you need an immunization, ask your care provider or check the Adult Immunization Schedule. Don't forget if you are traveling, you may need additional vaccines.

Vaccines are available throughout the community. You can inquire at your physician's office or your local pharmacy. Immunizations are also available through the St. Clair County Health Department.

LOCAL RESOURCES

St. Clair County Health Department

3415 28th Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-987-5729

Website: www.scchealth.co/

Hours: 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM Monday; 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM Tuesday through Friday.

By appointment, walk-ins accommodated as schedule allows.

More information: Most insurances are accepted, and a sliding scale is available. Call for current prices and availability.

INDEPENDENT SENIOR LIVING

Independent Senior Living Communities commonly provide apartments but some offer cottages. Residents are seniors who may or may not require assistance with daily activities but by living in a community they may benefit from the convenient services, senior-friendly surrounding and increased social opportunities that these communities offer. Most communities offer medical services, meals, housekeeping, laundry services, social activities, bus services etc. Some also offer emergency alert systems, live in managers, medical staff 24/7, and amenities such as clubhouses and on-site beauty and barber salons.

When choosing an Independent Living Community some common questions to consider are:

- What types of apartments/cottages do you offer?
- What amenities does your community offer?
- What dining options are available?
- What is the monthly cost?
- What is the cost for each service (housekeeping, laundry, meals etc.)?
- Do you have an on-site medical staff? If so how often and what type of services do they provide?
- Do you have emergency alert systems?
- What are the activities your community offers, if any?
- Do you have a bus service?

LOCAL RESOURCES

Blue Water Lodge

2840 Keewahdin Road, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059

Phone: 810- 385-4131

Website: www.holidaytouch.com

Lake Huron Woods

5221 Lakeshore Road, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059

Phone: 810- 385-9516

Website: www.lockwoodseniorliving.com

Mallards Landing

4601 South River Road, East China, MI 48054

Phone: 810-329-7169

LOCAL RESOURCES CONTINUED

Port Haven Manor

3900 Aspen Drive, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810- 985-4222

Website: www.havenmanors.com

Sanctuary at Mercy Village

4170 24th Avenue, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059

Phone: 810- 989-7440

Website: www.trinityhealthseniorcommunities.org

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Elder laws are the laws affecting older people and their families in the U.S. The law covers virtually all the statutes, regulations and decisions, having an impact on the lives of older Americans and their families. The issues faced by the elderly include: estate planning, wills, trusts, guardianships, arrangements for care, tax issues, social security and retirement planning and benefits, protection against elder abuse (physical, emotional and financial), neglect, and fraud, end-of-life planning, nursing homes and in-home care, Medicare and Medicaid coverage, and other concerns of older people.

Legal resources are available to enhance the quality and accessibility of the legal assistance provided to older people in St. Clair County.

LOCAL RESOURCES

Lakeshore Legal Aid

810 10th Avenue #C, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-985-5107 or 888-783-8190

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

More information: Lakeshore Legal Aid is a not-for-profit law firm providing free civil legal services to low income people and seniors. Lakeshore's attorneys are trained to provide legal advice and counseling, document review and preparation, negotiation, mediation, representation in court, legal education presentations to community groups, and referrals to other available community resources. Lakeshore cannot provide legal assistance in criminal matters, and services may be limited by the number of attorneys and other resources available.

Legal Services of Eastern Michigan

511 Fort Street, Suite 540, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 800-322-4512

Website: www.lsem-mi.org

St. Clair County Probate Court

201 McMorran Boulevard, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-985-2066

More information: Probate Court can assist residents with decedent estates and the supervision of trusts. Office also provides genealogy information and record request.

LOCAL ESTATE PLANNING LAW OFFICES

Blue Water Guardianship Services

1530 Pine Grove Avenue, Suite 1, Port Huron, MI 48060
Phone: 810-982-0051

Delekta & Delekta, P.C.

80880 Main Street, Memphis, MI 48041
Phone: 810-392-3834
Web: www.delektalaw.com

Fullmer Law Office

1362 N River Road, Suite 1-E, St. Clair, MI 48079
Phone: 810-329-8900

Hill Davidson, P.C.

901 Huron Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060
Phone: 985-8171
Web: www.hilldavidson.com

Kelly Law Firm

627 Fort Street, Port Huron, MI 48060
Phone: 810-987-4111
Web: www.porthuronlaw.com

Marilyn Knak

1530 Pine Grove Avenue, Suite 1, Port Huron, MI 48060
Phone: 810-936-0005
Web: www.knaklawoffice.com

Lozen & Kovar P.C.

511 Fort Street, Suite 402, Port Huron, MI 48060
Phone: 810-987-3970
Website: www.lozenlaw.com

Simasko Law Offices, PLLC

801 10th Avenue, Suite B-2, Port Huron, MI 48060
Phone: 810-987-1645
Web: www.simaskolawoffices.com

Touma, Watson, Whaling, Coury, & Stremers, P.C.

316 McMorran Boulevard, Port Huron, MI 48060
Phone: 810-987-7700

Wallace Law Firm, P.C.

709 Huron Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060
Phone: 810-985-4320
Website: www.happylaw.com

STATE AND NATIONAL LEGAL RESOURCES

Center for Civil Justice

436 S. Saginaw Street, Suite 400, Flint, MI 48502

Phone: 800-724-7441

Elder Law of Michigan Legal Hotline

3815 West St. Joseph Street, Suite C-200, Lansing, MI 48917

Phone: 1-866-400-9164

Website: www.elderlawofmi.org

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Inc. (NAELA)

Website: www.naela.org

More information: NAELA is a professional association of attorneys who are dedicated to improving the quality of legal services to people as they age and to people with special needs.

The Resolution Center

176 S. Main Street, Suite 2, Mount Clemens, MI 48043

Phone: 586-469-4714

Toll Free: 1-800-8-RESOLVE

Web-site: www.theresolutioncenter.com

More information: A non-profit organization and part of Michigan's Community Disputed Resolution Program. Provides mediation and other forms of Alternative Dispute Resolution in the following areas: Consumer/Merchant, Landlord/Tenant, Community, Neighborhood, Employee/Employer, Civil Litigation, Victim-Offender Mediation, Michigan Special Education, Michigan Department of Civil Rights, and Divorce. The Center also can arrange for large group facilitation and arbitration services. Must be a resident of St. Clair or Macomb County.

State Bar of Michigan

Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS)

Website: <https://lrs.michbar.org/Find-a-Lawyer>

Phone: 586-468-8300

Toll-Free: 800-968-0738

More information: The State Bar of Michigan Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS) is designed to assist members of the public who want to hire an attorney and can afford to pay for legal services.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATORSHIP

Conservatorships are available for people who cannot manage their own affairs due to illness or disability. With a conservatorship, a person is appointed by the court to manage the business affairs of a person but does not have control of the person's day to day life. The **Probate Court** decides if a person cannot manage his or her finances, as well as who should serve as conservator to help such a person. If the person is developmentally disabled, the Mental Health Code is applied in deciding the case. A conservatorship is a legal proceeding, which requires a Legal petition.

A **Guardianship** is a legal proceeding, which requires a petition. If you suspect a person of being unable to handle his or her own affairs because of illness, mental illness, absence, or another reason, you can ask the court to appoint a guardian. The **Probate Court** decides if a person cannot manage his or her daily life, as well as who should serve as guardian to help such a person. If the person is developmentally disabled, the Mental Health Code is applied in deciding the case.

A **Public Guardian** may be appointed if an individual does not have the funds to pay for a guardian, or who have no other friend or relative able to serve as guardian.

LOCAL RESOURCES

Adult Conservator/Guardianship Department

St. Clair County Probate Court

201 McMorran Boulevard, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-985-2066

Public Guardian's Office

201 McMorran Boulevard, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-985-2095

Blue Water Guardianship Svc

William Schieman

1530 Pine Grove Avenue, Suite 1, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-982-0051

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN

The Long-term Care Ombudsman investigates care and safety complaints of residents in nursing homes, homes for the aged and adult foster care homes. The Ombudsman works with residents, families, and appropriate state and federal agencies for remedy.

Ombudsman staff also assists family members with such issues as resident's rights, financial concerns, guardianship and nursing home placements.

STATE AND NATIONAL RESOURCES

Michigan Office of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman

Phone: 1-866-485-9393

Website: www.mltco.org

More information: Michigan's Long-Term Care Ombudsman program is a non-profit program which represents the interests of Michigan residents of licensed long-term care facilities. The long-term care information line is answered by designated ombudsman who can help you with your long-term care questions. Callers can receive information about alternatives to nursing home placement, assistance with residents' concerns, choosing long term care services that are right for you, and obtain referrals to other agencies that can help with long term care issues.

MEDICAL CARE AT HOME

LOCAL RESOURCES

Visiting Physician's Association (VPA) provides care for geriatric and homebound patients including: physical examinations, disease management, medication management, laboratory testing, mobile x-ray, cardiology and pulmonology consultation, transitional care expertise, and home care coordination.

Visiting Physicians Association

1985 Gratiot Avenue, Suite 2A, Marysville, MI 48040

Phone: 810-364-5050

Website: www.visitingphysicians.com

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

Durable medical equipment (DME) includes items certified by a doctor as being medically necessary for patients to use in their homes to compensate for a physical impairment. Durable medical equipment is sometimes called home medical equipment. These items could include walking aids, bathroom safety products, patient lifts, wheelchairs, and more. CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) awards contracts with specific DME providers. Your insurance may require you to work with a specific company. To find a Medicare DME supplier visit: www.medicare.gov/supplierdirectory

Local Durable Medical Equipment & Orthotics:

- Able Orthopedics: 810-985-8006
- Comfort Prosthetics & Orthotics: 810- 387-4710
- Crescent Corporation: 810-982-2786
- IRB (Hart) Medical Equipment: 810-982-0700
- Sheldon Medical Supply: 800-922-5101
- Wright & Fillipis: 810-385-6330

LOCAL LOAN CLOSETS

The Council on Aging, Inc. Serving St. Clair County

600 Grand River Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-5061

Website: www.thecouncilonaging.org

More information: The availability of items is based on the donations received.

Harbor Impact Ministries

1963 Allen Road. Kimball, MI 48074

Phone: 810-982-5312

Website: www.harborimpactministries.com

United Way

1725 Military Street, Port Huron, MI

Phone: 810-985-8169

Website: www.uwstclair.org

More information: Medical equipment and incontinence products. Availability is based on the donations received.

MEDICARE/MEDICAID ASSISTANCE

Medicare is a Federal health insurance program that pays some medical costs for people age 65 and older and for those who have received Social Security Disability Income for 24 months.

- **Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance)** helps cover inpatient hospital and skilled nursing facility care, hospice care services, and home health care services.
- **Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance)** helps cover medically necessary doctors' services, outpatient care, home health services, durable medical equipment, and other medical services. Part B also covers many preventive services.
- **Medicare Part D (Prescription Drug Coverage)** helps covers some prescription drug costs.
- **Medicare Advantage Plan (commonly referred to as Part C)** combines all of your benefits under one insurance company.

For more information, call 1-800-633-4227 or visit www.medicare.gov

Medicaid is a combined Federal-State health insurance program for low-income people and families. This program will pay for nursing home care and sometimes long-term care at home if you meet financial requirements. For more information, visit www.medicaid.gov

Affordable Care Act is a federal statute which was signed into law in 2010 making insurance available for adults age 19-64 that are not currently on Medicare or Medicaid. It is often referred to as the Affordable Care Act, ACA, "Obamacare" or health care reform. See "Healthy Michigan Plan" below, for more information.

MEDICARE/MEDICAID LOCAL RESOURCES

Area Agency on Aging 1-B

29100 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 400, Southfield, MI 48034

Phone: 800-852-7795

Website: www.aaa1b.org

Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program

Phone: 800-803-7174

Website: www.mmapinc.org

MMAP works with the Area Agencies on Aging to provide objective health benefit information and counseling and is supported by a statewide network of unpaid and paid skilled professionals. A MMAP counselor can help you: understand Medicare and Medicaid, compare or enroll in Medicare prescription drug coverage, review your supplemental insurance needs, apply for Medicaid or Medicare Savings program, and more.

MEDICARE/MEDICAID LOCAL RESOURCES CONTINUED

The Council on Aging, Inc. Serving St. Clair County

600 Grand River Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-5061

Website: www.thecouncilonaging.org

Resource advocates are available to help answer questions about Medicare and Medicaid programs.

1-800-MEDICARE

General Medicare information, ordering Medicare booklets, and information about health plans, including durable medical equipment.

Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

Phone: 855-275-6424

Website: www.michigan.gov/mibridges

Contact the MI Department of Community Health for more information on the Medicaid program or Healthy Michigan Plan.

- **St. Clair County Department of Health & Human Services:** 810-966-2000

Social Security Administration (SSA)

Phone: 800-772-1213

Website: www.ssa.gov

Contact SSA to change your address, to discuss Medicare Part A or Part B, to request a new Medicare card, and to discuss Social Security benefits.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES & COUNSELING

Asking for help for a mental health disorder is sometimes the hardest thing you can do. But it's also the most important step toward recovery. Many mental health issues won't just go away on their own. You may need the help of professionals to get better. You may need special support or medications to help you. You may benefit from talking to a professional counselor or to others in your situation. Whatever your problem, the important thing is to call and ask for help.

St. Clair County Community Mental Health

Port Huron: 3111 Electric Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Administration Phone: 810-985-8900

West: Capac: 14675 Downey Road, Capac, Michigan 48014

Phone: (810) 395-4343

South: Marine City: 135 Broadway Street, Marine City, Michigan 48039

Phone: (810) 765-5010

Crisis Line, available 24-hours a day: **888-225-4447**

Toll Free TTY: 888-225-1973

Customer Service for Non-Emergency Calls: **888-225-4447**

Website: www.scccmh.org

LOCAL RESOURCES

Blue Water Counseling

1501 Kraft Road, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059

Phone: 810-985-5125

Website: www.bluewaterclinic.com

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan - Port Huron office

2601 13th Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810- 987-9100

Website: www.ccsem.org

Colonial Woods Counseling

3240 Pine Grove Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-5571

Website: www.colonialwoodsmc.com/counseling

Community First Health Centers

Algonac: 555 St. Clair River Drive, Algonac, MI 48001

Phone: 810-794-4917

Port Huron: 1011 Military Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-488-8000

Website: www.communityfirsthc.org

LOCAL RESOURCES CONTINUED

Eastern Michigan Counseling Associates

1600 Gratiot Boulevard # 4, Marysville, MI 48040

Phone: 810-364-5800

Website: <http://www.easternmichigancounseling.com/>

IMPACT/The Center for Human Resources (CHR)

1001 Military Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 866-985-5168

Website: www.impactph.org

McLaren Port Huron Outpatient Counseling

1206 Richardson Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-5156

Website: www.mclaren.org/porthuron

NorServ Group, LTD.

1322 North River Road, St. Clair, MI 48079

Phone: 810-329-4798

Website: www.norserv.com

Professional Counseling Center, P.C.

520 Superior Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-4202

Website: www.pccporthuron.com

Renewal Christian Counseling Center

511 Fort Street, Suite 505, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: (810) 966-0099

Website: www.renewalcenter.org

NURSING & REHAB FACILITIES

A nursing & rehab facility, also called a skilled nursing facility, offer a wide range of health and personal care services. It is a residence that provides a room, meals, skilled nursing care, rehabilitative care, such as physical, occupational, and speech therapy, medical services and supervision. It also provides residents with activities of daily living assistance and recreational activities.

Some people stay at a nursing & rehab facility for a short time after being in the hospital. After they recover, they go home. However, some residents live there permanently because they have ongoing physical or mental conditions that require constant care and supervision.

Visit the nursing facility before considering it as a future home for you or a loved one, to see firsthand what the environment of the home is like. Call the facilities you are interested in and make an appointment to meet with the admissions staff (usually a social worker). This will also give you an opportunity to ask questions about the care and services that the facility provides and to clarify any issues.

Before you visit, search for information on the website, **Nursing Home Compare:**
www.medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare

This site provides detailed information about the past performance of Medicare and Medicaid certified nursing homes in the country. Review the “*Guide to Choosing a Nursing Home or Other Long-Term Services & Supports*” provided by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Download the “*Nursing Home Checklist*” to bring with you on your visits to the facility.

When choosing a Nursing & Rehab Facility, some common questions to consider are:

- The number of beds at the facility, and how many are being used (occupied).
- The number of staff working at the facility.
- Information about the residents (a profile).
- Nursing home inspection summary results.
- Quality measures.

To view a list of **Medicaid Long Term Care Providers**, visit:

https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71551_2945_42542_42543_42546_42551-20397--,00.html

LOCAL RESOURCES

Marwood Nursing & Rehab

1300 Beard Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-982-9500

Website: www.mclaren.org/marwood

MediLodge of Port Huron

5635 Lakeshore Road, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059

Phone: 810-385-7447

Website: www.medilodgeofporthuron.com

MediLodge of St. Clair

4220 Hospital Drive

East China, MI 48054

Phone: 810-329-4736

Website: www.medilodgeofstclair.com

MediLodge of Yale

90 Jean Street, Yale, MI 48097

Phone: 810-387-3226

Website: www.medilodgeofyale.com

Regency on the Lake

5669 Lakeshore Road, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059

Phone: 810-385-7260

Website: www.cienahealthcare.com/michigan-facilities/regency-on-the-lake

PALLIATIVE CARE

Palliative care is a patient-centered medical care approach designed to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of people living with advanced illness. The goal is to improve quality of life for both the patient and the family. It is appropriate at any age and at any stage in a serious illness and can be provided along with curative treatment. Palliative care can be provided in at home and in some other settings.

LOCAL RESOURCES

Beacon Home Care

415 Quay Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-966-3480

Website: www.beaconcares.com

McLaren Health Management Group

1411 Third Street, Suite C, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 866-323-5974

Website: www.mclaren.org/homecaregroup

VNA & Blue Water Hospice

1430 Military Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-4131

Website: www.vnabwh.com

PHYSICAL FITNESS AND RECREATION

As we grow older, an active lifestyle is more important than ever. Regular exercise can help boost energy, maintain your independence, and manage symptoms of illness or pain. Exercise can even reverse some of the symptoms of aging. Fitness and recreation is good for your body and your mind. Whether you are generally healthy or are managing an illness, there are plenty of ways to get more active, improve confidence, and boost your fitness level.

LOCAL RESOURCES

Anytime Fitness

3270 Gratiot Boulevard, Marysville, MI 48040

Phone: 810-937-5974

Website: www.anytimefitness.com

The Council on Aging, Inc. serving St. Clair County

600 Grand River Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-987-8811

Website: www.thecouncilonaging.org

Curves

2887 Krafft Road, Suite 300, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-385-9171

Website: www.curves.com

Cutting Edge Health & Fitness

3520 Pine Grove Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-966-0606

Website: www.cuttingedgegym.com

More information: Silver Sneakers program available.

Planet Fitness

4350 24th Avenue, Suite 504, Ft. Gratiot, MI 48059

Phone: 810-385-7400

Website: www.planetfitness.com

Port Huron Fitness Center

500 Thomas Edison Parkway, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-8811

St. Clair Wellness Center

1306 South Carney Drive, St. Clair, MI 48079

Phone: 810-329-7292

Website: www.stclairwellness.net

LOCAL RESOURCES CONTINUED

Viking Fitness

Marysville: 782 Huron Boulevard, Suite #5, Marysville, MI 48040

Phone: 810-364-4650

Port Huron: 2422 Lapeer Road, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-985-8100

St. Clair: 201 N. Riverside Street, St. Clair, MI 48079

Phone: 810-364-4650

Website: www.vikingfitnesscenters.com

YMCA of the Blue Water Area

1525 3rd Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-987-6400

Website: www.bluewaterymca.com

More information: Featuring Silver Sneakers Programs and much more.

PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE

Many pharmaceutical companies offer patients discounted or free prescriptions. Examples of some of the resources available include: patient assistance programs, discount drugs cards, and medications from regional and national non-profit charities. Pharmacies as well as some medical and dental clinics can provide free or variable cost medication to income qualified individuals and families. Many will charge only what you can afford, and this is known as a *sliding scale fee*.

LOCAL RESOURCES

Area Agency on Aging 1-B

29100 Northwestern Highway, Suite 400, Southfield, MI 48034

Phone: 800-852-7795

Website: www.aaa1b.org

The Council on Aging, Inc. Serving St. Clair County Benevolent Prescription Drug Assistance Program

600 Grand River Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-5061

Website: www.thecouncilonaging.org

Discount Rx Pharmacy

4190 24th Avenue, Suite 100, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059

Phone: 810-216-3302

Website: www.godiscountrx.com

People's Clinic for Better Health

3111 Electric Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-985-4747

St. Clair County Health Department Community Health Education & Outreach

3415 28th Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-987-5300

Website: www.scchealth.co/

United Way of St. Clair County

1723 Military Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-985-8169 or Dial 2-1-1

Website: www.uwstclair.org

SAFE PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISPOSAL

Disposing of unused medications is a safety as well as an environmental concern. Please do not flush unused medications down the drain or toilet. If you have left-over or expired medications, call your pharmacy to inquire if they have a “drug take back program.”

Controlled substances (often called prescription pain killers) can only be accepted under special collection arrangements due to Federal Drug Enforcement Agency regulations. Contact your local police department or the St. Clair County Sheriff Department to learn about their drug take back programs.

St. Clair County Sheriff Department: 810-985-8115

See Non-Emergency Phone Numbers on Page 6 for your local police station.

If you are unable to utilize a drug take-back program, follow these steps to properly dispose of old medications in the home:

- First, pour medication into a sealable plastic container. If medication is a solid (pill, liquid capsule, etc.), add enough water to dissolve it.
- Next, add kitty litter, sawdust, coffee grounds (or any material that mixes with the medication and makes it less appealing for pets and children to eat) to the container.
- Seal the container and put it in the trash.
- Lastly, remove and destroy all personal information on the prescription label before recycling or throwing them away.

REHABILITATION

INPATIENT REHABILITATION

An inpatient rehabilitation facility provides intensive rehabilitation services by using an interdisciplinary approach in a hospital environment. Admission to an inpatient rehabilitation facility is appropriate for patients with complex nursing, medical management and rehabilitation needs.

Lake Huron Medical Center

2601 Electric Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-216-3160

Website: www.mylakehuron.com

SKILLED NURSING REHABILITATION

A skilled nursing facility can provide daily skilled care services including rehabilitation. These skills are provided by a nurse and/or rehabilitation professional such as a physical, occupational, or speech therapist.

Marwood Nursing & Rehab

1300 Beard Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-982-9500

Website: www.mclaren.org/marwood

MediLodge of Port Huron

5635 Lakeshore Road, Ft. Gratiot, MI 48059

Phone: 810-385-7447

Website: www.medilodgeofporthuron.com

MediLodge of St. Clair

4220 Hospital Drive, St. Clair, MI 48079

Phone: 810-329-4736

Website: www.medilodgeofstclair.com

MediLodge of Yale

90 Jean Street, Yale, MI 48097

Phone: 810-387-3226

Website: www.medilodgeofyale.com

Regency on the Lake

5669 Lakeshore Drive, Ft. Gratiot, MI 48059

Phone: 810-385-7260

Website: www.cienahealthcare.com/michigan-facilities/regency-on-the-lake/

OUTPATIENT REHABILITATION & PHYSICAL THERAPY

Outpatient rehabilitation centers provide therapeutic care for individuals requiring physical, occupational or speech therapy, to restore them to a former level of functioning.

Active Physical Therapy and Rehab Services

718 Huron Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-966-8500

Ascension River District Hospital Physical Therapy

4100 River Road, East China Twp. MI 48054

Phone: 810-329-5383

Website: www.ascension.org

Bone and Joint Institute

2611 Electric Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-987-9871

Website: www.boneandjointph.com

Brickey and Associates

1037 Water Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-982-9541

Lake Huron Medical Center Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Services

Fort Gratiot: 4190 24th Avenue, Suite 205, Ft. Gratiot, MI 48059

Phone: 810-216-1802

Marysville: 782 Huron Boulevard, Suite 4, Marysville, MI 48040

Phone: 810-216-1801

Port Huron: 2601 Electric Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-216-1800

Website: www.mylakehuron.com

McLaren Port Huron Physical Therapy

Marysville: 3350 Gratiot Boulevard, Suite E, Marysville, MI 48040

Phone: 810-364-1230

Port Huron: 3504 Pine Grove Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-385-5531

Yale: 7470 S. Brockway Road, Yale, MI 48097

Phone: 810-387-3211

Website: www.mclaren.org/porthuron

Munger Physical Therapy

4351 24th Avenue, Suite 1, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059

Phone: 810-385-7405

Website: www.mungerpt.com

OUTPATIENT REHABILITATION CONTINUED

Narayan & Shriji Physical Therapy/Yale

333 Gordon Drive, Suite C, Yale, MI 48097

Phone: 810-387-9700

Orthopedic Associates

940 River Centre Drive, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-985-4900

Website: www.oaph.com

Prostaff Physical Therapy-Yale

7609 Brockway Road, Brockway, MI 48097

Phone: 810-387-4900

Website: www.prostaffphysicaltherapy.com

Rehab Care Group-Marine City

540 Parker Street, Marine City, MI 48039

Phone: 810-765-4857

Website: www.rehabcare.com

Riverview Physical Therapy

4940 24th Ave, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059

Phone: 810-937-5444

Website: www.riverviewptandhandtherapy.com

Universal Rehabilitation Services

329 Columbia Street, Algonac, MI 48001

Phone: 810-794-8040

RESPITE CARE

Respite care (also described as a “short break”) is a short-term accommodation in-home or in a facility outside the home in which a loved one may receive temporary services or is temporarily placed. This option provides relief to those who are caring for family members, who might otherwise require permanent placement in a facility outside the home.

Respite programs provide planned short-term and time-limited breaks for families and other unpaid care givers of the elderly. Respite care also provides a positive experience for the person receiving care by allowing for time away to manage the tasks of daily living.

The Dementia & Alzheimer’s Resource Committee provides grants for respite care to primary caregivers residing in St. Clair County. For more information, visit their website: www.darcsc.org or call 810-990-9558.

REFERRAL TO RESPITE SERVICES

Area Agency on Aging 1-B

Phone: Information & Assistance: 800-852-7795

Website: www.aaa1b.com

The Council on Aging, Inc. Serving St. Clair County

600 Grand River Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-5061

Website: www.thecouncilonaging.org

For help inside the home, see:

- Home Health Care Chapter: Private Duty & Skilled Nursing

For help outside of the home, see:

- Adult Foster Care Chapter
- Assisted Living Chapter
- Nursing Facility Chapter

Additional options for help outside the home see:

- Adult Day Program Chapter

SENIOR APARTMENTS

Residential housing communities where adults over age 55 can go to either live independently or be cared for in a community filled with other seniors.

Common questions to ask when considering a senior apartment:

- Do you have separate apartments for seniors?
- What kind of apartments do you offer?
- Do you offer activities?
- What amenities do you offer?

LOCAL RESOURCES

Algonac Housing Commission

1205 St. Clair River Drive, Algonac, MI 48001

Phone: 810-794-9369

Website: www.lowincomehousing.us/MI/algonac.html

Bree Manor

600 Bree Road D-1, Marine City, MI 48039

Phone: 810- 329-4994

Website: www.kmgprestige.com

Belle River Court

81393 Belle River Road #17, Memphis, MI 48041

Phone: 810-392-3274

Website: www.michiganhousinglocator.rentlinx.com

Desmond Village

721 Pine Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810- 984-3173

Website: www.phhousing.org

Dorchester Court Apartments

2439 Dorchester Court, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-966-8333

Website: www.dorchestercourtapps.com

LOCAL RESOURCES CONTINUED

Grandview Tower Apartment

1016 7th Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-989-6190

Harbour Oaks

333 Bree Road #7, East China, MI 48054

Phone: 810- 329-9390

Website: www.kmgprestige.com

Mallards Landing

4601 South River Road, East China, MI 48054

Phone: 810-329-7169

Website: www.mallardslanding.net

Marysville Housing Commission

Vicksburg Hall Apartments

1100 New York Avenue, Marysville, MI 48040

Phone: 810-364-4020

Website: www.marysvillehousing.org

Matteson Street Apartments

130 North Matteson Street, Capac, MI 48014

Phone: 810- 395-2698

Website: www.mthmgt.com

Northport Village

2631 Krafft Road, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-987-1606

Website: www.northportvillageapts.com

Peru Village

710 Glenwood Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-3173

Website: www.phhousing.org

Port Huron Housing Commission

905 7th Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-3173

Website: www.phhousing.org

LOCAL RESOURCES CONTINUED

Rolling Brook

1500 Fruit Streey, Algonac, MI 48001

Phone: 810-794-2440

St. Clair Housing Commission

400 S 3rd Street, St Clair, MI 48079

Phone: 810-329-9141

Website: www.stclairhousingcommission.org

St. Clair Landing

3345 Military Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-966-9339

Website: www.rent.com/st.clairlanding

School Place Senior Apartments

103 West Mechanic Street, Yale, MI 48097

Phone: 810-387-2945

Website: www.rentlinx.com

Yale Manor Senior Apartments

420 North Street, Yale, MI 48097

Phone: 810-387-0377

Website: www.rent.com/yalemanorseniorapartments

SENIOR CENTERS

The Council on Aging, Inc., serving St. Clair County is a non-profit corporation created to provide programs and services to the seniors of this county. It is the Vision of the Council on Aging, Inc., serving St. Clair County that all senior citizens (60 years and older) of the county shall be able to live in their homes for as long as possible, that the agency may avail itself of all of the resources - public and private - needed to ensure that all seniors shall be able to receive those services and participate in those activities that will enhance their lives, and that no senior in the county will ever feel that he/she is alone.

The Council on Aging senior centers offer a variety of recreational, educational, and social events for senior citizens. All senior centers (listed below) are also available to assist seniors with aging issues and service needs. For more information, visit the website at: www.thecouncilonaging.org

LOCAL RESOURCES

The Council on Aging Inc., Serving St. Clair County

Port Huron Area Senior Center

600 Grand River Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-5061

Toll Free: 800-297-0099

Conrad Community Center—Capac

585 N. Main, Capac, MI 48014

Phone: 810-395-7889

Toll Free: 800-361-8877

Washington Life Center

403 N. Mary Street, Marine City, MI 48039

Phone: 810-765-3523

Toll Free: 800-779-4488

Yale Area Senior Center

3 First Street, Yale, MI 48097

Phone: 810-387-3720

Toll Free: 800-717-4422

Website: www.thecouncilonaging.org

SOCIAL SECURITY & PENSIONS

Social Security is based on a simple concept: while you work, you pay taxes into the Social Security system. When you retire or become disabled, you, your spouse, and your dependent children receive monthly benefits that are based on your reported earnings. Some issues pertaining to social security or pensions are confusing to understand if you're not familiar with the system. Several resources are available to assist you.

LOCAL RESOURCES

United States Social Security Administration

2620 Krafft Road, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059

Phone: 800-772-1213

Website: www.ssa.gov

STATE & NATIONAL RESOURCES

Mid-American Pension Rights Project

Michigan Office

3815 W Saint Joseph Street, Suite C-200, Lansing, MI 48917

Phone: 866-400-9164

Website: www.elderlawofmi.org/pension

National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare

111 K St. NE Suite 700, Washington DC 20002

Phone: 202-216-0420

Senior Hotline/Legislative Updates: 1-800-998-0180

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

United States Department of Labor

Employee Benefits Security Administration

200 Constitution Ave NW, Washington, DC 20210

Phone: 1-866-444-EBSA

Website: <http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/>

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation consists of a centrally organized service for transportation of seniors to and from community facilities in order to receive support services, increase independence and reduce isolation.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES

Blue Water Area Transit and Dial a Ride

2021 Lapeer Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Downtown Transfer Center: 720 McMorran Boulevard, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-987-7373

Website: www.bwbus.com

City of St. Clair Transportation Department

547 North Carney Drive, St. Clair, MI 48079

Phone: 810-329-3030

More information: The City of St. Clair provides door to door transportation service for senior citizens or handicapped persons for City of St. Clair residents only who are 60 years old and older.

The Council on Aging Inc., Serving St. Clair County

600 Grand River Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-4200

To call for a ride:

- Port Huron: 810-984-5061
- Washington Life Center: 810-765-3523
- Capac Senior Center: 810-395-7889
- Yale Senior Center: 810-387-3720

Website: www.thecouncilonaging.org

More information: Service is available Monday-Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm. Extended Wednesday hours in Port Huron only, on Wednesday evenings until 9:30pm. 24-hour or more notice is preferred to schedule a ride. Handicapped vans available for wheelchair bound riders.

Tri Hospital EMS

Non-emergency transportation

309 Grand River Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-985-7115

Also see Home Health Care—Private Duty for a listing of agencies that assist with transportation.

OTHER TRANSPORTATION

American Cancer Society

Road to Recovery

Volunteer program that provides transportation to cancer treatment

Phone: 1-800-227-2345

Website: www.cancer.org/treatment/support-programs-and-services/road-to-recovery.html

VA Hospital Transportation (Detroit/Ann Arbor)

St. Clair County Department of Veterans Affairs

200 Grand River Avenue, Suite 104, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-989-6945

Website: www.sccvet.us

TAXI SERVICES

Acme Cab Company

Phone: 810-984-1515

Blue Water City Cab

Phone: 810-984-4100

Port Huron Cab

Phone: 810-989-9719

VETERAN'S SERVICES

LOCAL RESOURCES

St. Clair County Department of Veterans Affairs

200 Grand River Avenue, Suite 104, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-989-6945

Website: www.sccvet.us

Email: sccvet@stclaircounty.org

St Clair County Community Mental Health - Veteran Navigator

3111 Electric Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-966-3755

Website: www.scccmh.org/services/services-for-adults

Yale VA Outpatient Clinic

7470 Brockway Road, Yale, MI 48097

Phone: 810-387-3211

Website: www.detroit.va.gov/locations/directions_Yale_CBOC.asp

VA MEDICAL CENTERS

John D. Dingell VA Medical Center

4646 John R. Street, Detroit, MI 48201

Phone: 313-756-1000

Toll Free: 800-511-8056

Website: www.detroit.va.gov

VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System

2215 Fuller Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Phone: 734-769-7100

Toll Free: 800-361-8387

Website: www.annarbor.va.gov

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO VETERANS FACING HOMELESSNESS

Blue Water Center for Independent Living

1242 Griswold Street, Suite 2, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone : 810-987-9337

Website: www.bwcil.org

TRANSPORTATION FOR VETERANS

VA Hospital Transportation (Detroit/Ann Arbor)

St. Clair County Department of Veterans Affairs

200 Grand River Avenue, Suite 104, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-989-6945

Website: <http://sccvet.us/transportation/>

VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

American Legion Posts

- Capac: 810-395-2588
- Marysville: 810-364-9366
- Memphis: 810-392-3237
- Port Huron: 810-982-9553
- St. Clair: 810-329-2871
- Detroit: 313-964-6640

Website: www.legion.org

Disabled American Veterans

- Port Huron: 810-984-1684
- Detroit: 313-964-6595

Website: www.dav.org

VFW Posts

- Algonac: 810-794-3033
- Emmett: 810-384-6586
- Port Huron 796: 810-982-0572
- Port Huron 8465: 810-982-6323
- Detroit: 313-964-6510

Website: www.vfw.org

Directory of Veterans Service Organizations

Website: www.va.gov/vso/

NATIONAL & LOCAL ALLIED VETERAN CEMETERIES

Fort Custer

15501 Dickman Road, Augusta, MI 49012

Phone: 269-731-4164 or 866-348-8603

Great Lakes

Gratiot Avenue and Krafft Road

Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-9708

Lakeside & Veterans Memorial Cemeteries

4200 Belford Road, Holly, MI 48442

Phone: 248-348-8603

STATE & FEDERAL RESOURCES

Federal Regional VA Michigan Hotline

Phone: 1-800-827-1000

Michigan Department of Military & Veterans Affairs

Website: www.michiganveterans.com

Veterans Resource Center (2-1-1)

Phone: 1-800-MICH-VET 1-800-642-4838

U.S. Department of VA (Federal)

Website: <http://www.va.gov/>

VA SERVICES: PHONE NUMBERS & WEBSITES

Bereavement Counseling	1-313-576-1000 Ext. 63203
Civilian Health and Medical Program (CHAMPA)	1-800-733-8387
Caregiver Support	1-855-260-3274
Headstones and Markers	1-800-697-6947
Health Care	1-877-222-8387
Home Loans	1-888-827-3702
Life Insurance	1-800-669-8477
Pension Management Center	1-877-294-6380
Presidential Memorial Certificate Program	1-202-565-4964
Special Health Issues	1-800-749-8387
Veterans Crisis Line	1-800-273-8255 and Press 1 Website: www.veteranscrisisline.net Text: 838255 Support for Deaf & Hard of Hearing: 1-800-799-4889
Women Veterans	1-313-576-1000, ext. 65955

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Virtually every local listing included in this directory offers many flexible volunteer opportunities for senior citizens. For specific information, contact each agency directly and ask to speak with the volunteer coordinator.

Typical places where you might find a volunteer opportunity include churches, local civic groups, schools, non-profit agencies, hospitals, and professional associations.

LOCAL & STATE RESOURCES

The Council on Aging, Inc. Serving St. Clair County

600 Grand River Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-984-5061 or 800-297-0099

Website: www.thecouncilonaging.org

Hunter Hospitality House, Inc.

1010 Lincoln Avenue & 2509 10th Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-824-3679

Lake Huron Medical Center Volunteer Coordinator

2601 Electric Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-216-1035

Website: www.mylakehuron.com

McLaren Port Huron Volunteer Coordinator

1221 Pine Grove Avenue, Port Huron, MI 48060

Phone: 810-989-3796

Website: www.mclaren.org/ph

National Websites:

www.experiencecorps.org

www.getinvolved.gov

www.mihospice.org

www.nationalservice.gov

www.serve.gov

www.volunteer.gov

www.volunteermatch.org

Glossary of Terms

Accreditation--Seal of approval given by an autonomous governing body to a community or service provider. Some examples of accreditation bodies for the senior housing and care industry include CARF/CCAC (Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Communities and Continuing Care Accreditation Commission) and JCAHO (Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations).

Accredited Facility--Senior care facility such as a nursing home or assisted living facility that meets the standards of care set by third party organizations such as the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JCAHO).

Activities of Daily Living (ADLs)--Everyday functions and activities that a senior may require assistance with. These include dressing, eating, personal hygiene and transferring. Many insurance policies use the inability to perform a certain number of ADLs (i.e., 2 of 6) to determine eligibility for benefits.

Acute Care--Care that is provided in a medical setting such as a hospital, intensive care unit or emergency care facility. Also known as hospital care.

Adult Day Care--Structured programs with social activities and health-related and rehabilitation services provided in a safe setting during regular business hours. Some adult day care centers may also operate on weekends.

Advance Directive--Legal document providing information relating to the type of medical treatment that should be performed if your life is in danger and you are unable to communicate.

Aging in Place--Concept that advocates allowing a resident to remain in his/her living environment, regardless of the physical or mental decline that may occur with aging.

Alzheimer's Disease--The most common cause of dementia, Alzheimer's is a progressive, degenerative disease of the brain, characterized by loss of function and death of nerve cells in several brain areas, leading to loss of memory and learning.

Ambulatory--The ability to walk freely and independently. Not bedridden or hospitalized on a long-term basis.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)--Passed by Congress in 1980, this law establishes a clear and comprehensive prohibition of discrimination on the basis of disability.

Assisted Living--Special combination of housing, personalized supportive services and health care designed to meet the needs — both scheduled and unscheduled — of those who need help with daily activities.

Assistive Device--Physical aid such as a cane, walker, wheelchair or hearing aid.

Caregiver--Primary person in charge of caring for an individual, usually a family member or a designated healthcare professional.

Case Management--Formal services planned by health care professionals.

Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC)—Senior community that offers several kinds of residences, including independent living, assisted living and skilled nursing care. CCRCs usually provide a written agreement or long-term contract between the resident (frequently lasting the term of the resident's lifetime) and the community, which offers a continuum of housing, services and health care, commonly all on one campus or site.

Custodial Care--Non-medical care that helps individuals with his or her activities of daily living, preparation of special diets and self-administration of medication not requiring constant attention of medical personnel. Providers of custodial care are not required to undergo medical training.

Dementia--The loss of intellectual functions (thinking, remembering, reasoning) of sufficient severity to interfere with a person's daily functioning. Not a disease itself, dementia is rather a group of symptoms that may accompany certain diseases or conditions. Symptoms may also include changes in personality, mood and behavior. Dementia is irreversible when caused by disease or injury, but may be reversible when caused by drugs, alcohol, depression, or imbalances of hormones or vitamins.

Developmental Disability (DD)--Affliction characterized by chronic physical and mental disabilities, which may include cerebral palsy, cognitive impairment, thyroid problems, seizures and quadriplegia.

Elder Care--Broad term that describes senior care services such as assisted living, adult day care, nursing care, hospice, and home care.

Functional Impairment--Requiring assistance with one or more personal care services including, but not limited to, bathing, dressing and undressing, meal preparation and clean up, grooming and toileting.

Gerontology--The scientific study of the biological, psychological and social effects of aging.

HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996) --Law outlining the requirements a long-term care insurance policy must follow in order that paid premiums be deducted as medical expenses and unpaid benefits be considered taxable income. This act also has stipulations regarding privacy of medical information.

Home Health Care--Provision of medical and nursing services in the individual's home by a licensed provider. Medicare can cover this care, if it meets certain guidelines regarding a recent hospital stay.

Hospice--Care program that provides palliative and supportive services to terminally ill patients and their families in the form of physical, social and spiritual care.

Independent Living--Senior community with a residential living setting for seniors who require minimal or no extra assistance, this independent lifestyle may or may not provide hospitality or supportive services.

Living Will—Also called an Advance Directive is a written document stating, in advance, an individual's wishes concerning the use of life-saving devices and procedures in the event of terminal illness or injury, should the individual no longer be competent.

Long-Term Care--Broad term that describes care given in the form of medical and support services to people who, due to illness or injury, have lost some or all of their capacity to function without assistance.

Long-Term Care Insurance--Insurance that pays for a succession of caregiving services administered by a nurse or aide to the chronically ill and provided in a community or the individual's home.

Medicaid--United States government health insurance program for eligible individuals and families with low income and resources. Income eligibility criteria must be met to qualify for Medicaid, which accounts for about 52 percent of the nation's care costs. Medicaid is a state administered program and each state sets its own guidelines regarding eligibility and services.

Medicare--United States government health insurance program for individuals aged 65 and older, or for individuals who meet other special criteria. It also provides for hospital and skilled nursing care (called Medicare Part A) and physician services, therapies and home health care (called Medicare Part B).

Medigap--Private health insurance used to pay costs not covered by Medicare, such as deductibles and co-insurance.

Memory Care--Specialized programs dedicated to caring for patients needing memory care for dementia, Alzheimer's or other cognitive impairments. Usually services and amenities are on site, with group activities and events included.

Non-ambulatory--Inability to walk independently. Usually bedridden or hospitalized.

Nursing Home--Provides 24-hour skilled care for residents who generally rely on assistance for most or all daily activities (such as bathing, dressing and toileting). One step below hospital acute care, state-licensed nursing homes are mandated to make regular medical supervision and rehabilitation therapy available and are eligible to participate in the Medicaid program.

Occupational Therapy--Therapy based on the engagement in meaningful activities of daily life, especially to enable or encourage participation in such activities in spite of impairments or limitations in physical or mental functions.

Ombudsman--Government appointee who investigates complaints by private persons against the government. In a long-term care facility this person helps keep residents and their families informed of their rights and resolve complaints against the facility and/or staff.

Palliative Care--Any form of medical care or treatment that concentrates on reducing the severity of disease symptoms, rather than striving to halt, delay, or reverse progression of the disease itself or to provide a cure. The goal is to prevent and relieve suffering and to improve quality of life for people facing serious, complex and/or terminal illnesses.

Physical Therapy--Treatment of disease or injury by physical and mechanical means (as massage, regulated exercise, water, light, heat and electricity). Physical therapists plan and administer prescribed physical therapy treatments for patients to help restore their function and strength.

Rehabilitation--Therapeutic care for individuals requiring intensive physical, occupational or speech therapy, provided to restore them to a former capacity.

Respite Care--Services that provide caregivers with temporary relief from tasks associated with caregiving (e.g., home care services, short nursing home stays, adult day care).

Skilled Nursing Care--Level of care that includes services that can only be performed safely and correctly by a licensed nurse (either a registered nurse, RN or a licensed practical nurse LPN).

Support Group--Facilitated gathering of caregivers, family, friends or others affected by a disease or condition for the purpose of discussing issues related to the disease.

Transfer--To move a resident (or loved one) from one place to another — from the bed to a wheelchair, or from assisted living to skilled care.

Transitional Care--Type of care designed for those who are being discharged from an acute care situation, such as a hospital stay, but are not quite ready to return to their home. Short-term in nature, this care may be specialized for specific conditions and also includes rehabilitative services.

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