

Jackson County Community Programs Funded by United Way of Jackson County

Emergency Services

American Red Cross

Provides short-term disaster relief and assistance in the form of shelter, food, clothing, and other emergency services, and emergency support and communication links between members of the armed forces and their families in Jackson County.

Domestic Violence Program

AWARE, Inc.

Provides emergency shelter, 24 hour crisis intervention, individual and group counseling, and advocacy to victims of domestic violence and their children; Provides community education on domestic violence.

Sexual Assault Program

AWARE, Inc.

Strives to eliminate sexual violence through community education, systems change, and comprehensive services for sexual assault survivors, including counseling, emergency shelter, 24-hour crisis intervention and initial medical care.

Site Based Mentoring

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County

In school, one hour per week, one-to-one mentoring for youth referred to Bigs In School who are in need of positive adult role models - referrals are based on behavior problems, social problems, school attendance & tardiness.

Community-Based Mentoring

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County

One-to-one mentoring program based on the interests of both participants, which establishes long-term relationships through recruitment, screening, training, matching and oversight of volunteer mentors and youth.

Family Care Program

Catholic Charities of Jackson

Provides a broad range of mental health services to adults and families including prevention groups, comprehensive assessments, in-office and in-home treatment, short and long term treatment and education.

Kid Care Program

Catholic Charities of Jackson

Includes a broad spectrum of mental health services for youth, including treatment of child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, and prevention Services

Respite Care**Catholic Charities of Jackson**

Provides short-term, low-cost, in-home relief for caregivers of elderly homebound Jackson County residents. This periodic relief allows the caretakers to complete necessary errands and return to their loved ones physically and mentally refreshed.

Retired Senior and Volunteer Program**Catholic Charities of Jackson**

Provides a "clearinghouse" through which seniors volunteer to help those in need in Jackson County. Currently 450 volunteers providing 75,000 volunteer hours per year.

Veterans Transportation Program**Catholic Charities of Jackson**

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program volunteers provide free transportation to Veterans needing medical and rehabilitation services, on an "as needed" basis.

Community Medication Assistance Plan**Allegiance Health**

Provides prescription assistance to Jackson County residents at 150% of poverty level and below, through sample medications, indigent drug program, or CFH purchased medication.

OB Advocacy**Center for Family Health, Inc.**

Minimize barriers for low-income women to accessing prenatal care & other services that impact birth outcomes, through education and assistance in navigating the health care system.

Child Care Scholarships**Child Care Network**

Provides child care scholarships for low-income parents. Includes help with issues such as parenting, early childhood development and choosing quality care.

Early Truancy Intervention District**Jackson County Intermediate School**

A family support program that addresses educational neglect. Early Truancy Intervention Case Managers work with referred families to correct absenteeism, provide referrals to appropriate community services, provide ongoing family support and intervention.

Community Education**Family Service & Children's Aid**

Provides information and education to the public, the community, professionals, parents, and children to raise awareness regarding prevention, recognition and reporting child abuse and neglect.

Breakout Drug Education**Family Service & Children's Aid**

Educates children about the short and long-term affects of drug use, how to identify and handle peer pressure and how to avoid high risk situations and make healthy choices.

Family Counseling**Family Service & Children's Aid**

Provides mental/behavioral health counseling on an individual, family and/or group basis on a sliding scale basis for those with limited resources.

Diversion/ Restoration Program**Family Service & Children's Aid**

Provides services to court and community referred youth to prevent further prosecution and recidivism of at-risk juveniles, promote regular school attendance & improve familial relations.

Food Distribution**Food Bank of South Central Michigan**

The Food Bank of South Central Michigan maintains a hunger-relief network of member agencies, including 34 non-profit agencies operating feeding programs in Jackson County.

Youth Development**Girl Scouts – Heart of Michigan**

Program provides an accepting & nurturing environment where girls build character and skills for success in the real world.

Scoutreach**Great Sauk Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America**

Educational program for youth to develop good character traits, train in the responsibilities of citizenship, and develop personal fitness.

Volunteer Service & Recognition**Habitat for Humanity**

Provides low cost housing to low income families through the incorporation of volunteers who provide approximately 3,000 volunteer hours per house.

Child Care Scholarships**Jackson Child Care Center**

A non-profit, fully licensed and accredited child care center, which provides a safe, healthy, quality childcare program at affordable prices for low-income families through child care scholarships.

Car Seat Rental Program**Jackson County Health Dept**

Provides low-cost car seats to Jackson County families, educates parents/caregivers on proper car seat use and installation, and educates the community about car seat safety.

Assisted Living Care for Senior Women Jackson Friendly Home

Provides affordable assisted living to women over sixty years of age in a friendly, homelike atmosphere that encourages independence.

After School Art Education Jackson School of the Arts

Provides accessible art education to low & moderate income children, through on-site classes priced on a sliding fee scale, after school programs at school and community organizations and a week-long residential summer camp.

Assisted Living for Senior Gentlemen John George Home, Inc

Provides a safe, quality, affordable independent living setting for elderly gentlemen.

Legal Services Legal Services of South Central Michigan

Legal Services provides legal counsel, advice, and representation in critical civil (non-criminal) legal areas to low-income persons. Specializes in domestic cases, homeless prevention, and obtaining income and medical benefits for disabled persons.

After School Education Program Lily Missions Center

An after school program, which provides assistance with homework, tutoring in problem subject areas, work in computer lab, development math and reading skills, and supervised recreational activity.

Emergency Needs The Salvation Army

Assists low-income families in emergency situations by assisting with food, emergency medical needs, rent/mortgage, shut off notices or heating needs for clients who have met with the Department of Human Services.

Project Access

Provides uninsured residents with comprehensive health care through donated services from physicians and health care organizations. A collaboration of the Jackson County Medical Society, Allegiance Health, Jackson Community Foundation, LifeWays, 2-1-1, and the United Way.

Jackson County Guardian Services Family Service and Children's Aid

Provides guardian and conservator services for incapacitated adults who are unable to protect their own interests and are vulnerable to exploitation, neglect or injury.