

Early Childhood Connections

Allen County Resource Guide



PARENT RESOURCES

Job & Family Services

Address: 951 Commerce Parkway, Lima

Phone: 419-228-2621

Or 1-888-228-2120

www.acjfs.org

Public assistance for families including workforce development programs, adult protection, child care, workforce development, cash assistance, food assistance, social services, fraud/investigations and medical assistance.

WIC (Women, Infants & Children)

WIC promotes good health for eligible pregnant women, newborn moms and children up to age 5.

Address: 2138 Allentown Rd., Lima

Phone: 419-224-8200

www.allcountypublichealth.org/wic-contact

YWCA Child Care Resource & Referral

Address: 608 W. High St., Lima

Phone: 419-225-5465

Website: <https://ywaccarrevents.org/>

Parenting classes and Family Fun Learning Group are offered for parents with children birth through age 5. Free and confidential childcare searches are available.



Every child is gifted.
They just unwrap
their packages at
different times.
~ unknown

www.cdats-training.org

EARLY EDUCATION

Allen County Preschools

Preschool for children 3-5 years old serving both typically developing and special needs students. The goal is to provide educational opportunities that reflect the view of all areas of development (cognitive, language, social-emotional, physical, and adaptive). Our programs are an active partnership between school, student, home, and community.

Allen County ESC Preschool

Phone: 419-221-1262 x6011 or x6007

www.allcountypesc.org

Allen East Preschool

Phone: 419-648-3333 www.ae.k12.oh.us

Lima City Schools Preschool

Phone: 419-996-3692 or 419-996-3427

www.limacityschools.org

Thomas Edison Early Childhood Center

Phone: 419-238-4019 (Delphos students)

<https://vanwertdd.org/services-and-support/pre-school/>

Children's Developmental Center

Address: 1001 Bellefontaine Ave, Lima (located at Lima Memorial Hospital)

Phone: 419-226-5046

www.childrensdevelopmentalcenterlima.org

Offers toddler & preschool classes, and transition services for children, 18 months through kindergarten, who have a special need or may need help as they grow.

Early Head Start & Head Start

Address: West Central Ohio Community Action Partnership (WOCAP)
540 S. Central Ave., Lima

Phone: 419-227-2586 x109 or x216

www.wocap.org

Comprehensive health, nutrition, education and social services for families with children birth to age 5, who meet income eligibility. Program settings include center-based, home-based and child care partnerships.

Early Intervention

Allen County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Address: 2550 Ada Road, Lima

Phone: 419-221-1262 x1017

acbdd.org

ohioearlyintervention.org

Children (birth to 3 yrs) with identified developmental delays qualify for Early Intervention Services. Children ages 3-5 yrs with identified delays may be eligible for Service and Support Services.

PRE-NATAL PARENT SUPPORT

Help Me Grow Home Visiting

Address: 300 W. Market St., Lima

Phone: 419-226-4339 or 1-800-755-4769

www.helpmegrow.ohio.gov

An Ohio Department of Health program for pregnant women and new parents who qualify for Medicaid and WIC. Children must be enrolled by age 6 months.

Moms and Babies First

Address: 219 E. Market St., Lima

Phone: 419-228-4457

www.allcountypublichealth.org

A County Health Department program for African-American, high-risk pregnant women that provides in-home visits and community resource information.

Services offered free or on
sliding scale to
Allen County residents.

MEDICAL & MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Family Resource Center

Address: 530 S. Main St., Lima

Phone: 419-222-1168

www.frcoho.com

Mental health services include assessment, counseling, and parent education.

Ohio Children with Medical Handicaps

Address: Allen County Public Health, 219 E. Market St., Lima

Phone: 419-228-4457

or 1-800-755-4769

www.allencountypublichealth.org

An Ohio health care program that links families of children (birth to age 21) with special health care needs with a network of providers. Eligible families may obtain payment for treatments.

SAFY Behavioral Health

Address: 658 W. Market St., Lima

Phone: 419-222-1527

<https://www.safy.org/ohio/lima-behavioral-health/>

Behavioral and mental health services available for infants, children, youth, families and individuals. Trauma treatment, play therapy, Early Childhood Mental Health consults, individual and family counseling services.

HOPE 24/7 CRISIS HOTLINE

1-800-567-4673 Text: 741741



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Allen County Public Libraries

Bluffton-Richland Public Library

Address: 145 S. Main St., Bluffton

Phone: 419-358-5016

blufftonpubliclibrary.org

Delphos Public Library

Address: 309 W. 2nd St., Delphos

Phone: 419-695-4015

delphos.lib.oh.us

Lima Public Library

Address: 650 W. Market St., Lima

Branch Locations: Cairo, Elida, Lafayette, Spencerville, OSU Lima

Phone: 419-228-5113

www.limalibrary.com

2-1-1 Community Resource

Phone: 211

24/7 access to community resource information sponsored by United Way .

Family and Children First

Assists families with resources, services and supports.

Phone: 419-223-8563

Family P.L.A.Y.T.I.M.E.

Address: Marimor School, 2550 Ada Rd., Lima

Phone: 419-221-1262

Scheduled playgroup for toddlers, infants, and caregivers.

PASS (Prevention Awareness Support Services)

Address: 309 West High St., Lima

Phone: 419-549-8530

passaah.org

Allen County's prevention agency offers parenting classes and support groups for grief, suicide & drug overdose loss, depression & bi-polar, LGBTQ.

Developmental Milestones for Young Children

By 3 Months:

Holds head up well,
Lifts head and pushes arms when on stomach
Makes cooing sounds

By 6 Months:

Sits with support
Babbles and smiles
Rolls from back to belly
Responds to others

By 8 Months:

Sits alone well
Bangs toys in play
Says simple sounds: ma, da, ga, ba

By 1 Year:

Walks with hand held
Says 2-3 words
Plays pat-a-cake and peek-a-boo
Finger feeds well
Responds when called by name

By 2 Years:

Runs, can kick, throw and catch a ball
Says two words together, asks questions
Can name pictures

By 3 Years:

Climbs stairs
Feeds self
Says 3-4 words together clearly
Rides tricycle

By 4 Years:

Dresses and undresses self
Knows colors & own name
Uses sentences- talks a lot
Enjoys playing with other children