

Legal Services & Consumer Info

The C.A.R.E. Directory (Coordinating Area Resources Effectively) is a compilation of non-profit corporations, groups, organizations, services clubs, and service providers operating in Crow Wing County.

This reference manual is always accepting more information. If your organization fits into one of our headings, please call or email us with your information so we can keep our CARE directory up to date.

Brainerd Community Action
213 S. 5th Street
Brainerd, MN 56401
Office: 218.829.5278
E-mail:
holly@brainerdcommunityaction.org

Better Business Bureau

2706 Gannon Road
Saint Paul, MN 55116-2600
Contact: 651-699-1111
Toll-Free: 1-800-646-6222
www.bbb.org
ask@thefirstbbb.org

Crow Wing County Attorney

Don Ryan
213 Laurel Street St #11
Brainerd, MN 56401
Contact: 218-824-1025
Fax: 218- 824-1026
don.ryan@co.crow-wing.mn.us

Prosecute all felonies and most gross misdemeanors occurring within county.
Assists in enforcement of rights of victims. General legal counsel to the County.
Cannot represent individual citizens in civil court proceedings.

Crow Wing County Court Administration

326 Laurel Street
Brainerd, MN 56401
Contact: 218-824-1310

Maintains case records for civil, family, probate, traffic, criminal, juvenile and conciliation cases. Docketed civil money judgments are maintained alphabetically by judgment debtor. Also call this number for County Court Judge's Chambers and for Ninth

Crow Wing County Child Support and Collections

204 mLaurel Street St #13
Brainerd, MN 56401
Contact: 218-824-1260

Provide federally-mandated services to establish and enforce orders for child support, medical support and childcare; establish paternity and locate absent parents. This department is also responsible to collect all debts owed to the social service agency; establish and collect out-of-home placement reimbursement claims and investigate all allegations of welfare fraud.

Crow Wing County Community Corrections

213 Laurel St Suite 21
Brainerd, MN 56401
Contact: 218-824-1135
CWCCC@crowwing.us

Community Corrections Supervisor Ann Rivas : 218-824-1278

This system provides court services, juvenile and adult probation and parole (supervised release) supervision, specialized supervision combined with outpatient sex offender treatment for both adult and juvenile clients, juvenile detention and secure correctional programming services, electronic monitoring, drug testing, juvenile crime victim reparation programming, and provides community work service.

Crow Wing County Health Department

204 Laurel St. Suite 12

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-824-1080

Toll-Free: 1-877-724-1080

www.co.crow-wing.mn.us/health/health.htm

Protect and promote health of general population by emphasizing prevention of disease, injury, disability and preventable death through promotion of effective coordination and use of community resources and extend health services to community. Pregnancy testing is available.

Crow Wing County Victim Services, Inc.

309 W Washington Street

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-828-9518

Crimevictimservices.net

info@crimevictimservices.net

Victim Services is dedicated to provide victims of crime in Crow Wing County with the assistance and services necessary to speed their recovery from criminal act and to support and aid them as they move through the criminal justice process. Limited emergency funds to assist crime victims.

Cuyuna Range Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 23

Crosby, MN 56441

Contact: 218-546-8131

info@cuyunacountry.net

www.cuyunacountry.net

Nonprofit member organization to promote the community, member businesses and community projects. Member referrals and visitor information center. Serving communities of Crosby, Cuyuna, Deerwood, Emily, Ironton, Riverton and Trommald.

Federal Trade Commission

600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW

Washington, D.C. 20580

Toll-Free: 1-877-FTC-HELP

www.ftc.gov

Home Line Tenant Hotline

3455 Bloomington Ave

Minneapolis, MN 55407

Contact: 1-612-728-5767

Toll-Free: 1-866-866-3546

Minnesota nonprofit tenant advocacy organization provides free legal education and organizing so that tenants can solve their own rental housing problems.

Home Buyer Education Counseling

37 28th Ave N Suite 102

St Cloud, MN 56301

Contact: 320-259-0393

Toll-Free: 1-888-203-9301

cmhp@cmhp.net

www.cmhp.net

Series of three informational workshop sessions available to assist anyone interested in purchasing a home. Held regularly at different locations in Central MN. Call or email to sign up for the classes. Nominal fee of \$25.

INFO-U, Univ. of MN Extension Service, CWC Office

326 Laurel St.

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-824-1065

Toll-Free: 24-hour help call the Info-U @ 1-800-525-8636.

Contact the local office to get a current listing of prerecorded topics. Then, dial the 800#, enter the 3-digit code number and hear a message.

Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota

324 South 5th Street

Brainerd, MN 56425

Mailing Address : P.O. Box 804

Contact: 218-829-1701

Toll-Free: 1-800-933-1112 (clients)

www.lasnem.org

Legal service and representation in the areas of divorce, custody, domestic abuse, landlord/tenant and other housing problems, Medicare and Medicaid, collection and consumer problems, garnishment defenses, denial of public benefits, and unemployment compensation appeals. Will also provide education on: MN Landlord/Tenant Law, MN family law, public benefits, & senior's issues. Speakers available.

Minnesota Children with Special Health Needs, MN Dept. of Health (MCSHN)

P.O. Box 64975

St. Paul, MN 55164

Contact: 651-201-5000

Toll-Free: 1-888-345-0823

www.health.state.mn.us/mcshn

Serves MN children with special health needs & their families. Pays for diagnostic services & medical care for eligible children. Also provides education, information, support, and referral for: education services, financial assist., home health care, legal resources, advocacy, service coord., special equip., camps, support groups, transportation. The Information & Referral Line is answered weekdays 8 am to 4:30 pm.

Minnesota Tribal Affairs Council

3801 Bemidji Ave. Suite 5
Bemidji, MN 56601
Contact: 218-755-3825
www.indians.state.mn.us

Joseph.B.Day@state.mn.us

Official liaison between state and tribal governments. Mission is to protect sovereignty of the 11 Minnesota Tribes and insure well-being of American Indian citizens throughout MN. Established in 1963.

Minnesota State Attorney General

1400 Bremer Tower
445 Minnesota Street
St. Paul, MN 55155
Contact: 1-651-296-3353
Toll: 1-800-657-3787
attorney.general@state.mn.us
www.ag.state.mn.us

Contact the state consumer watchdog in the merchant's jurisdiction.

National Association of Consumer Agency Administrators

Toll-Free: 1-866-SAY-NACAA
www.nacaa.net

Order form for free Consumer's Resource Handbook. Tips for hiring a contractor or filing a complaint.

National Fraud Services

Toll-Free: 1-800-876-7060
www.fraud.org

Source for internet and telemarketing fraud information.

Ombudsman for Mental Health & Mental Retardation

Toll-Free: 1-800-657-3506
www.ombudmhm.state.mn.us

Mediates/advocates on behalf of persons receiving services for mental illness, mental retardation or related conditions, chemical dependencies or emotional disturbances. Consultation regarding rights and treatment issues with individuals, programs and facilities. Reviews circumstances surrounding deaths or serious injuries of persons in residential or acute care facilities.

Pacer Center- Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights

8161 Normandale Blvd.
Bloomington, MN 55437
Contact: 888-248-0822, 952-838-0199 (fax)
Toll-Free: 1-800-537-2237
pacer@pacer.org
www.pacer.org

Mission is to expand opportunities and enhance the quality of life of children and young adults with disabilities and their families, based on the concept of parents helping parents. Offers workshops, newsletter, special equipment & software, lending library, legislative info., help with juvenile justice, transition issues and parent advocates.

Region 5 Health Insurance Counseling

403 Prairie Avenue NE
Staples, MN 56479
Contact: 218-894-3233 ext. 10
info@regionfive.org
www.regionfive.org

Trained volunteers will assist Medicare beneficiaries with medical claims, billings, appeals or applications for state and federal programs. Also skilled in supplemental and long-term care insurance questions, prescription drug programs, etc.

Sexual Assault Services

324 Sth 5th street
Brainerd, MN 56401
Contact: 218-828-0494
Toll-Free: 1-888-458-0494

Crisis intervention, legal, court and medical advocacy, & support counseling for survivors of sexual violence and their loved ones. Information and referral to mental health professionals, community education and professional training. Trained speakers for youth groups and young children's presentations. SAS also maintains a speaker's bureau on topics of sexual violence and related topics. ADVOCATES ON CALL 24-HOURS

Sight and Hearing Association

674 Transfer Road
St. Paul, MN 55114
Contact: 651-645-2546
Toll-Free: 1-800-992-0424
mail@sightandhearing.org
www.sightandhearing.org

Also known as the Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Blindness and Preservation of Hearing. Provides educational information, products, and referral services for a variety of vision and hearing related topics.

**Understanding Health Care Directives, St. Joseph's
Medical Center**

523 North 3rd Street

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-828-7530 pastoral care

www.sjmcmn.org

One on one work with health care directives that includes living will document. Areas covered include: what a Health Care Directive is and its purpose; what is required by Minnesota law; forms and how to fill them out. Call for an appointment.

U of M Extension Service Crow Wing County

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Brainerd, MN 56401-3500

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mnext-crowwing@umn.edu

The University of Minnesota Extension Service provides educational programs and information to Crow Wing County citizens and communities. Programs in Youth Deveopment and Family Living, Land, Food and Environment, and Community Development focus on issues where research-based education makes a difference.