

**LWVLC Early Childhood Needs and Services Committee  
Resource List for Early Childhood Services in Leelanau County, MI.  
(as of June 2019)**

**Local Resources:**

- ***Benodjenh Center/ Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians/***

The Benodjenh Center Head Start and Early Head Start serve children and families who qualify for Head Start or Early Head Start. Additionally, “Family Spirit” is a new family engagement/home-visiting program for Native American Families. Childcare M-F 7:30-5:30 for ages 3-12 yrs.

<http://www.gtbindians.org/benodjenh.asp>

2605 N. West Bay Shore Dr.  
Peshawbestown, MI 49682  
(231) 534-7650

- ***Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department Maternal and Infant Health Program and Women, Infants & Children Program***

A multi-disciplinary team comprised of a nurse, social worker, and registered dietician to promote healthy pregnancies and a healthy first year of life through home and office visits. The services include breast feeding peer counselor support. Click on personal health link to find Infant and Maternal Health Services.

<http://www.bldhd.org>

7401 East Duck Lake Rd.    or    6051 Frankfort Hwy. Suite 100  
Lake Leelanau, MI 49653.        Benzonia, MI 49616  
(231) 256-0200.                      (231) 882-4409

- ***Child and Family Services of Northwestern Michigan***

A non-profit social service agency offering among many other services, counseling, parenting programs, wraparound and behavioral health services to families of young children. Including foster care and adoption education.

<http://www.cfs@cfs3L.org>

3785 Veterans Dr  
Traverse City, MI 49684  
(231) 946-8975 main line or (231) 922-4800 crisis line

- ***Eagles Nest Preschool/St Mary's Catholic School Lake Leelanau***  
Daily activities provide a positive learning experience with an emphasis on learning by doing, developing an enthusiasm for discovery, and building relationships.

<http://www.stmarysll.org/admissions/curriculum/preschool-curriculum/the-eagles-nest-preschool/>

307 South St. Mary Street P.O. Box 340  
Lake Leelanau, MI 49653  
(231) 256-9636

- ***Glen Lake Community Schools - Glen Lake Elementary Child Care***  
Participates as a Parenting Communities Site. Offers Pre-school and Young Fives with flexible scheduling 2 to 5 days a week.

<http://www.glenlakeschools.org>  
3375 W Burdickville Road  
Maple City, MI 49664  
(231) 334-3061 ext. 2

- ***Great Start Collaborative of Traverse Bay***

The Collaborative's commitment to early childhood is part of a larger view of community and prosperity. Their approach is to create and strengthen a family-friendly infrastructure that values early childhood. Our children, future generations and communities will be the beneficiaries. <http://greatstartkids.com>

**5toONE**

Addresses persistent challenges facing young children by creating a 5-county system of resources that both provide support and inspiration to all families and addresses the acute needs of families most in need of help

<http://greatstartkids.com/5toone/>

202 E. Grandview Parkway  
Traverse City, MI. 49684  
(231) 995-7114

- ***Healthy Futures***

Healthy Futures is a collaboration of Munson Healthcare, health departments in northern Michigan, and health care providers across the region. The program serves all parents who live in participating counties, and provides newsletters, home visits and social media connections for parents in their infant's first year.

<https://www.healthyfuturesonline.org>

(231) 935-5640

- ***Leelanau Children's Center***

The Leelanau Children's Center provides high quality early childhood educational programs and advocates for children, parents and families.

(<http://www.leelanauchildrenscenter.org>)

**Leland**

111 N. Fifth Street P.O. Box 317  
Leland, MI 49654 (231) 256-7841

- ***Leelanau Christian Neighbors*** provides the following services:

7322 E. Duck Lake Rd.

Lake Leelanau, MI.

Info@LeelanauChristianNeighbors.org

(231) 994-2271

Email: [leelanauchristianneighbors@yahoo.com](mailto:leelanauchristianneighbors@yahoo.com)

**Baby Pantry** Baby Pantry provides diapers, wipes, food and clothing for ages 0-4 in Lake Leelanau

**Blessings in a Back Pack** A hands-on project focused on helping to alleviate weekend and holiday hunger many of our local children experience as well as sponsoring a summer migrant program.

**Food Pantries** (<http://www.leelanauchristianneighbors.org/food-pantries>)

Offers food to those in need at the following locations:

LCN Food Pantry

7322 E Duck Lk Rd

Lake Leelanau, MI 49653

(231) 271-0091

Open Monday 2 - 6

LCN in Glen Lake Community Reformed Church

4902 W MacFarlane Rd.

Glen Arbor

Open Thursday 5 - 6:30 PM

(231) 334-4563

**Neighbors Assistance Program** - Third party financial assistance to help families with payments for emergency needs not covered by other programs.

**Samaritans' Closet** - Provides clothing, furniture, linens, and kitchen ware to those in need as well as revenue from store. Soon to be relocated beside the Leelanau Christian Neighbors building. <http://www.samscloset.org>  
25 South Lake Leelanau Dr. (until Fall 2019)  
Lake Leelanau, MI 49653  
Open Tuesday-Friday 10-4; Sat. 10-2  
(231) 256-2026

- ***Leelanau Family Coordinating Council***

Serves as a coordinating body for human services in Leelanau County.  
Connie Binsfeld Resource Center  
7401 E. Duck Lake Road  
Lake Leelanau, MI 49653  
(231) 649-8334  
Email: [lcfcc@co.leelanau.mi.us](mailto:lcfcc@co.leelanau.mi.us)

- ***Leelanau Early Childhood Development Commission***

Advocates for families to receive access to high quality, comprehensive, accountable system of care and pre-school experiences for children, birth, through age 5.  
<http://www.lecdc12.wixsite.com>

**Parenting Communities Program** - Operated by LECDC, Parenting Communities is made up of Leelanau families with children under kindergarten age and expectant parents. There are no other eligibility criteria.

<https://www.facebook.com/PCLeelanau/>  
(231) 510-7883  
email: [www.parentingcommunitieslc@gmail.com](mailto:www.parentingcommunitieslc@gmail.com)

- ***Leelanau Help Link***

Operates in conjunction with Glen Lake Church to offer volunteer based navigation services to connect families with resources.  
402 W MacFarlane Rd  
Glen Arbor  
Open Tuesday 4:30 - 6 PM  
Email: [helplinkleelanau@gmail.com](mailto:helplinkleelanau@gmail.com)

(231) 334-4563

- ***Leelanau Montessori Public School Academy***

Offers Toddlers (15 months to 3 years) through 12<sup>th</sup> grade programs. Provides Toddlers with a nurturing environment enriched with activities designed to stimulate the child's sense of independence and introduces the building blocks of intellectual development, all within a home-like setting.

<http://www.leelanaumontessori.org>

7401 E. Duck Lake Rd.

Lake Leelanau, MI. 49653

(231) 994-2074

- ***Libraries:*** Offer story hours throughout the school year and special events for preschoolers during the summer.

**Glen Lake Community Library** Story hour Thurs. 11AM

Under construction

(projected completion May 2020)

PO Box 325

10115 E. Front St.

Empire, MI 49630

Interim

PO Box 325

20020 S. Leelanau

Empire 49630

(231) 326-5361

**Leland Twp. Library** Story hour Thurs. 10:30 - 11:30

PO Box 736

203 E. Cedar St.

Leland, MI. 49654

(231) 256-9152

**Northport - Leelanau Township Library** Story hour Thurs. 10:30 - 11:30

PO Box 235

119 E. Nagonaba Box235

Northport, MI. 49670

(231) 286-5131

**Suttons Bay Bingham Dist. Library** Story hour Thurs. 10:00

416 Front St.

Suttons Bay, MI 49682

(231) 271-3512

- **Northport Public School Preschool** Offers a PreK program for 4-year olds M-F at \$20.00/day if in district. <https://www.northportps.org>  
104 Wing St. P.O. Box 188  
(231) 386-5153

- **NW Chapter Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health**  
An organization of individuals devoted to strengthening relationships between infants, parents and other caregivers. Promotes and supports nurturing relationships for all infants 0-5 and their families.  
<http://www.mi-aimh.org/chapters/northwest-michigan>

- **Pathfinder School**  
Offers Pre-K through grade 8 programs. Pre-K early childhood program focuses on the whole child, the goal is to offer opportunities for children to build their own set of tools to support their future successes. Flexible PreK scheduling ranging from 2 half days 8:00-11:30 to five full days 8-3.  
<http://www.thepathfinderschool.org/>  
11930 S West Bay Shore Dr Traverse City, MI 49684  
(231) 995-3800

- **Suttons Bay Public Schools (Lil' Norsman Early Childhood Program)**  
Infant and Toddler Day Care 7:30-5:30 ages 3 Months to 3 yrs.  
Tuition based Preschool open 7:30-5:30  
Great Start Readiness for 4 yr olds if income eligible M-Th during the school year. Head Start is a federally funded program free for income eligible families and runs from 8 to 1 during the school year.  
500 S. Elm St.  
PO Box 367  
Suttons Bay, MI. 49682  
(231) 271-8614

- **Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District**

**Early On Program** - TBAISD provides child development evaluations and early intervention in the home setting for children suspected of having developmental delays or disabilities. This service is provided at no cost to families. The purpose of this program is for families and TBAISD staff to work together in identifying, coordinating and providing needed services and resources that will help support growth and development of the child.  
Early On

1101 Red Dr., Traverse City MI 49686  
(231) 922-6397 | (800) 327-5966

- ***Traverse Bay Children's Advocacy Center***

TBCAC of Grand Traverse and Leelanau counties and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians are dedicated to the identification, treatment, awareness and prevention of the sexual and physical abuse of children at no charge. M-F 8:30 - 5.

<http://traversebaycac.org>

2000 Chartwell Dr. Ste. 3

Traverse City, MI 49696

(231) 929-4250

### **Early Childhood Websites of Interest:**

#### **Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)**

The Michigan Association of Health Plans Foundation, thanks to funding from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund, created the Michigan ACE Initiative. This initiative is focused on expanding statewide awareness of Adverse Childhood Experiences and creating a statewide coalition to recommend development of appropriate interventions and state policy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MtuTmDtvGm0&feature=youtu.be>

#### **Center for the Study of Social Policies: Strengthening Families**

<http://www.cssp.org/reform/strengtheningfamilies>

**For Our Babies campaign** <http://forourbabies.org>

#### **For Our Babies: Ending the Invisible Neglect of America's Infants - Ron Lally**

This book contains a chapter of recommended supports and services. It is available for a free download (<http://forourbabies.org/2014/06/04/free-download-recommended-supports-and-services-for-babies-and-their-families/>). Nationwide some groups are reading it a "book club" with a downloadable discussion guide available through <http://forourbabies.org/get-involved/book-clubs/>)

#### **James Heckman, Nobel Prize Winning Economics Professor**

<http://heckmanequation.org/content/resource/invest-early-childhood-development-reduce-deficits-strengthen-economy>; <http://www.heckmanequation.org>  
<https://www.aft.org/sites/default/files/periodicals/Heckman.pdf>

### **High Scope Perry Preschool Study**

<https://highscope.org/perry-preschool-project/>

“The Social Womb”, 6 minute video & blog <http://forourbabies.org/2014/09/08/the-social-womb-new-animated-video/>

### **State of Babies Yearbook**

Ranking of states early childhood outcomes

<https://stateofbabies.org/>

### **Strengthening Families Program**

<http://www.strengtheningfamiliesprogram.org>

**Video clip from Harvard** on why the support of early childhood services is everyone’s business

[http://developingchild.harvard.edu/resources/multimedia/videos/theory\\_of\\_change/](http://developingchild.harvard.edu/resources/multimedia/videos/theory_of_change/)

**Zero to Three** <http://zerotothree.org>

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