

**LWVLC Early Childhood Needs and Services Committee
Resource List for Early Childhood Services**

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.

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

(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 promotes healthy pregnancies and a healthy first year of life through home and office visits. The services include breast feeding peer counselor support.

<http://www.bldhd.org/phealth.html>

7401 East Duck Lake Road

Lake Leelanau, MI 49653

231-256-0200

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

A non-profit social service agency offering, among many services, counseling, wraparound and behavioral health services to families of young children.

3785 Veterans Drive | Traverse City, MI 49684

Phone: 231.946.897

www.cfsnwmi.org

- ***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

Lake Leelanau, MI 49653
(231) 256-9636

- ***Glen Lake Public School***

Participates as a Parenting Communities Site
3375 W Burdickville Road
Maple City, MI 49664 (231) 334-3061

- ***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 provides support and inspiration to all families and addresses the acute needs of families most in need of help

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

- ***Leelanau Children's Center*** (<http://www.leelanauchildrencenter.org>)

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

Leland

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

Northport

164 S. High Street • Northport, MI 49670
(231) 386-5144

- ***Leelanau Christian Neighbors***

310 S. Elm St.
PO Box 32
Suttons Bay MI 49682
231-271-0091

Email: LeelanauChristianNeighbors@yahoo.com

Baby Pantry (<http://www.leelanauchristianneighbors.org/baby-pantry>)

Baby Pantry provides diapers, wipes, food and clothing

Blessings in a Back Pack

(<http://www.leelanauchristianneighbors.org/blessings-in-a-backpack>)

This is a hands-on project focused on helping to alleviate the hunger many of our local children experience.

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

LCN now operates two food pantries to help families, open to anyone in need.

Neighborhood Assistance Program

Assists families with payments for emergency needs not covered by other programs

- ***Leelanau County 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) 256-0222

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

Provides families access to a high quality, comprehensive, accountable system of care and pre-school experience for children birth, through age 5.

P.O. Box 1143 Leland, MI 49654

231-218-8496

Parenting Communities Program

Parenting Communities is made up of Leelanau families with children (on their way or already born) who are under kindergarten age. There are no other eligibility criteria. (<http://www.parentingcommunities.org>)

- ***Leelanau Helplink***

Operates in conjunction with LCFCC to offer volunteer based navigation services to connect families with resources

231-334-4563

- ***Leelanau Montessori/Suttons Bay Public School***

Offers Toddlers (15 months to 3 years) through 12th 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>

310 Elm Street
Suttons Bay, MI 49682
(231) 271-8609

- ***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.

<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.

<http://www.thepathfinderschool.org/>

11930 S West Bay Shore Dr Traverse City, MI 49684
(231) 995-3800

- ***Samaritans' Closet***

Operates to meet the emergency needs of families in Leelanau County by providing goods, services and monetary assistance. It also operates the Leelanau Laundry Project

231-256-2026

- ***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.

<http://traversebaycac.org>

121 East Front St., Ste. 301
Traverse City, MI 49684
(231) 929-4250

Other Early Childhood Websites of Interest:

Center for the Study of Social Policies: Strengthening Families

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

Five Protective Factors

<http://www.icfs.org/pdf/FiveProtectiveFactors.pdf>

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

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

For Our Babies: Ending the Invisible Neglect of America's Infants by 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/>)

High Scope Perry Preschool Study

http://www.highscope.org/file/Research/PerryProject/specialsummary_rev2011_02_2.pdf

James Heckman, Nobel Prize Winning Economics Professor

<http://heckmanequation.org/content/resource/invest-early-childhood-development-reduce-deficits-strengthen-economy>

<https://www.aft.org/sites/default/files/periodicals/Heckman.pdf>

<http://www.heckmanequation.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/

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

To subscribe to The Baby Monitor, Zero to Three National Policy Center's bi-weekly policy & advocacy news on federal & state policy, resources & publications & legislative action alerts: http://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/50400/signup_page/sign-up