Erie County Sandusky, Ohio

Services Guide -Adult’s over 60

Adult Protective Services of Erie County Ohio



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# ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

## What we do:

Erie County Adult Protective Services is authorized by OAC 5101:2-20-03 to ensure the safety of Adults over the age of 60.

County Departments of Job and Family Services provide Adult Protective Services to the elderly who are in danger of harm, unable to protect themselves, and/or have no one else to assist them. County Departments of Job and Family Services are mandated to investigate and evaluate all reports of suspected abuse, neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable adults age 60 and over.

Investigations of reports alleging abuse, neglect and exploitation are mandated to be initiated within 24 hours, if any emergency exists, or within 3 working days after the report is received by the County Department of Job and Family Services. Upon completion of the investigation, the County Departments of Job and Family Services determine whether or not the adult, who is the subject of the investigation, is in need of protective services.

Social, medical, and mental health care professionals are mandated by law to immediately report suspected abuse, neglect (including self-neglect), or exploitation to the County Departments of Job and Family Services. Other mandated reporters include attorneys, peace officers, senior service providers, coroners, clergymen and professional counselors.

**Adult Protective Services**

# **What are adult protective services?**

Adult protective services help vulnerable adults age 60 and older who are in danger of harm, are unable to protect themselves, and may have no one to assist them.The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) supervises the state’s Adult Protective Services program. ODJFS plans and develops programs and writes  
rules and regulations pertaining to adult protective services.The county departments of job and family services receive and investigate reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation of vulnerable adults and evaluate the need for protective services. County departments receive guidance from ODJFS.

**What types of things are considered abuse?**

The most common types of elder abuse reported in Ohio are neglect, self-neglect, exploitation, and emotional, physical and sexual abuse.

* Neglect is the failure of an adult to provide the goods or services necessary for his or her own safety and/or well-being − such as avoiding physical harm, mental anguish or mental illness − or the failure of a caretaker to provide such goods or services.
* Exploitation is the unlawful or improper act of a caretaker using an adult or his/her resources for monetary or personal bene t, pro t or gain.
* Physical abuse is the intentional use of physical force that results in injury, pain or impairment. It includes pushing, hitting, slapping, pinching and other ways of physically harming a person. It can also mean placing an individual in incorrect positions, force feeding, restraining or giving medication without the person’s knowledge.
* Emotional abuse occurs when a person is threatened, humiliated, intimidated or otherwise psychologically hurt. It includes the violation of an adult’s right to make decisions and the loss of his or her privacy.
* Sexual abuse includes rape or other unwanted, nonconsensual sexual contact. It also can mean forced or coerced nudity, exhibitionism and other non-touching sexual situations, regardless of the age of the perpetrator.

**What is the best way to report suspected abuse or neglect?**

If you believe that an adult age 60 or older has suffered abuse, neglect or exploitation, you may le a report with your county department of job and family services by phone, mail, fax or in person during agency hours – or you can call 1-855-OHIO-APS (1-855-644-6277) toll-free 24/7. If you need to make a report, provide as much of the following information as possible:

* + Name, address and approximate age of the person
  + Name and address of the person responsible for the victim’s care
  + The name and address of the alleged perpetrator, if different from the caretaker
  + The reason you suspect abuse, neglect or exploitation
  + The nature and extent of the suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation
  + Any other known information

# Mandated Reporters Information

Ohio Revised Code (section 5101:61 currently; section 51101:63 effective 9/29/2018) specifies that individuals within certain occupations be required or mandated to report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation of vulnerable adults.

The term “adult” means any person 60 years of age or older within this state who is handicapped by the infirmities of aging or who has a physical or mental impairment which prevents the person from providing for the person’s own care or protection, and who resides in an independent living arrangement.

Any individual employed within an occupation listed below is a mandated reporter under Ohio law.

**Reporter: Effective Date: Reporter: Effective Date:**

Attorney Humane Society 9/28/18

Medicine & Surgery Firefighter 9/28/18

Chiropractor Ambulance Driver 9/28/18

Dentist EMT/First Responder 9/28/18

RN/LPN Building Department 9/28/18

Psychologist Peace Officer

Social Work/Counseling Coroner

Pharmacist 9/28/18 Clergy

Dialysis Technician 9/28/18 Real Estate Broker 9/28/18

Home Health Employees CPA 9/28/18

Hospital (3701.01) Notary Public 9/28/18

Hospital (5122.01) 9/28/18 Bank/S&L Employee 9/28/18

Nursing Home Investment Advisor 9/28/18

Residential Facility Financial Planner 9/28/18

Health Department Emp 9/28/18 Senior Service Provider

Mental Health Agency Outpatient Health Emp 9/28/18

# **ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES DATA FACT SHEET FOR SFY 2016**

*The following information is based on data submitted by the county departments of job and family services. Eighty-four counties submitted data for state fiscal year (SFY) 2017.*

**Elder Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation in Ohio**From July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, a total of **16,579** reports of ***abuse, neglect*** and ***exploitation*** were received by the county departments of job and family services for adults 18 years of age and over. Of the **16,579** reports, **16,241 were reports for adults age 60 and over.**

***Abuse*** was alleged in **2,284** of the reports received.\* There are three categories of *abuse* that comprise the total number: *Emotional Abuse, Physical Abuse and Sexual Abuse.*

* *Emotional Abuse* represented **1,252** of the reports received**.** Of this number, **1,234 were reports of adults age 60 and over.**
* *Physical Abuse* represented **984** of the reports received. Of this number, **958 were reports of adults age 60 and over.**
* *Sexual Abuse* represented **48** of the reports received. Of this number, **46 were reports of adults age 60 and over.**

***Neglect*** was alleged in **11,299** reports received. \* There are two categories of *neglec*t that comprise the total number: *Self Neglect* and *Neglect by Others.*

* *Self-Neglect* represented **7,563** of the reports received. Of this number, **7,388 were reports for adults age 60 and over.**
* *Neglect by Others* represented **3,574** of the reports received. Of this number, **3,660 were reports for adults age 60 and over.**

***Exploitation*** was alleged in **2,996** of the reports received. \* Of this total, **2,955 were reports for adults age 60 and over.**

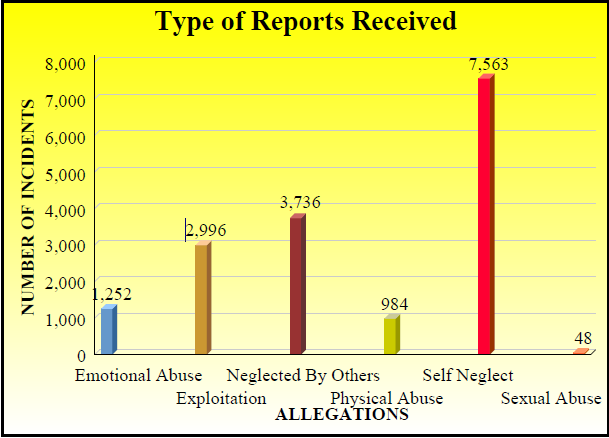
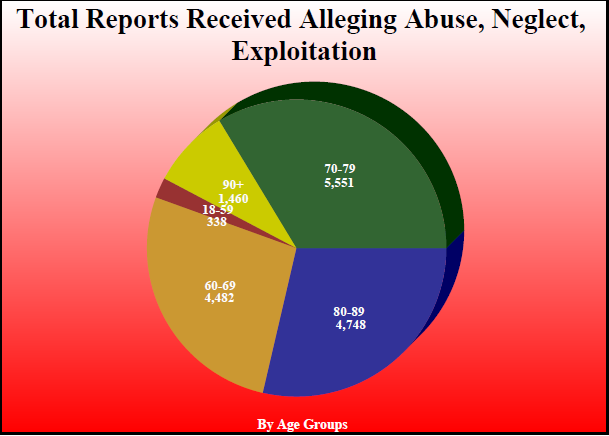
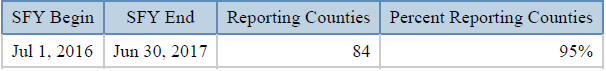
A total of **595** reports indicated an emergency existed.  
A total of **6,867** individuals were in need of *protective services*. Of this number:

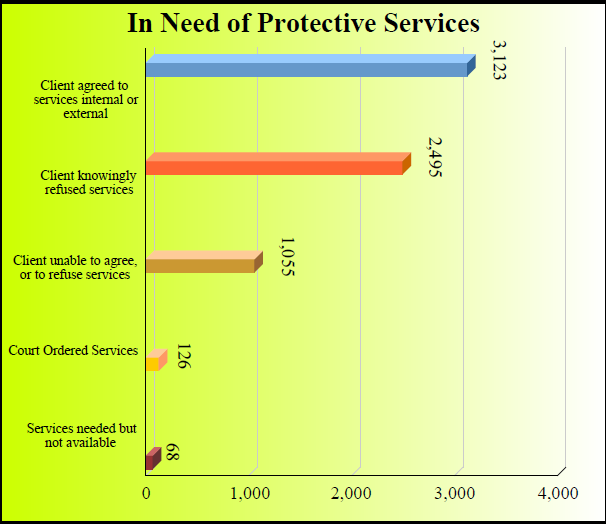
* **3,123** agreed to receive services.
* **2,495** refused services.
* **68** needed services, but services were not available.
* **1,055** were unable to agree or refused services.
* **126** were court-ordered services.

\*Some reports had multiple primary allegations.

**Adult Protective Services Statewide Fact Sheet**

The following graphs represent statistics received from county departments of job and family services and are based on cases of alleged abuse, neglect and exploitation. Each graph represents the number of cases reported per category.





# **COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

**Alcoholics Anonymous**: 419-625-5595 or 1-888-683-9768

Contact for list of area AA and Al-Anon meetings.  
North Central Ohio Area Inter-Group of Alcoholics Anonymous P.O. Box 338, Sandusky, Ohio 44870  
Email: aaintergroup@bex.net Web: www.ncoa-aa.org

**Area Office on Aging:** 419-621-0115 www.areaofficeonaging.com

3006 Campbell Street, Sandusky, Ohio 44870  
Passport Program, Senior Information, Long Term Care Consultation Caregiver Support Program 1-800-472-7277

**Alzheimer’s Support Groups, Information, Assistance**:  
Alzheimer’s Association of Northwest Ohio - 800-272-3900 www.alz.org Alzheimer’s Support Group Meeting: 9 a.m., First Tuesday of the month at St. Stephen’s United Church of Christ 905 E. Perkins Ave, For info, call: 419-621-1900.

Sandusky Firelands Alzheimer’s Support Group - 419-625-2160

Firelands Hospital, South Campus, cafeteria meeting room 4th Tues. of each month at 7:00 p.m. call for information.

Erie County Senior Center (Alzheimer’s Information Center) - 419-626-2560

Alternative Care Adult Day Care, 10 Harbour Parkway, Sandusky - 419-624-6993  
www.alternativecarecenter.com

**Cancer Services**  
Cancer Services of Erie County - 419-626-4548 www.freecancerservices.org  
505 E. Perkins Avenue, Sandusky Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Financial assistance for cancer related medications, nutritional supplements, dressings, ostomy and incontinence supplies, and equipment loan.

# DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT PROVIDERS

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| Discount Drug Mart  124 E. Perkins Ave. Sandusky, OH 44870 Phone: 419-625-0733 Huron: 419-433-4565 Vermilion: 440-967-5837 | page10image2105834016Easter Seals  (equipment loan program) Norwalk office Phone: 419-668-6791 Toll Free: 1-800-696-5601 | Firelands Regional Medical Center  DME Co. 709 W. Washington Street Sandusky, OH 44870 Phone: 419-625-4312 Toll Free: 1-888-502-4312 Fax: 419-502-4312 |
| Inogen Oxygen Services  Serving Erie & Huron Counties Phone: 260-403-8545 or  1-877-843-6319 Email: tdaiga@inogen.net | Kaiser-Wells  251 Benedict Ave. Norwalk, OH 44857 Phone: 1-800-228-7651 Fax: 1-419-663-5837 | page10image2107779952O.E. Meyer Co.  3303 Tiffin Avenue Sandusky, Ohio 44870 Phone: 419-625-1256 Fax: 419-621-4188  page10image2107641776 |

# **Erie County Transportation Resources**

**North Central EMS** — Medicare and Medicaid Certified/Emergency Services

Medicare —

No wheelchair transports  
No physician office transport  
Will pay for transport to and from a hospital in an emergency and if patient is “bed-confined”

Medicaid —

Wheelchair transports ONLY if cannot walk at all or pivot Ambulance transport to medical appointment if bed confined

Private Pay —

Call for wheelchair transport fees  
For billing questions or to arrange non-emergency transport Call: 419-433-4620

**Sandusky Transit Service**: Contact: 419-627-0740  
Note: The Ohio Relay Service [Disclaimer] provides full telephone accessibility which includes: Voice, TTY, ASCII, VCO, Spanish Ohio Relay Number: 1.800.750.0750

•  Curb-to-curb: advanced reservation, shared ride transportation service serves all of Erie County. Vehicles are wheelchair accessible. Mobility Assistance attendants may ride free, notify dispatch if needed. Call one week in advance, will accept two day notice if available, also an option of same day service if available.

•  Service Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday Scheduling hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

•  One-Way Fares: $2.00 within Sandusky city limits, $3.00 all other Erie County locations. Fares are discounted 50% for those ages 65 and over and for disabled persons. Call for fare discount information. Riders must have correct fare with them, drivers will not make change. Riders must be ready for pick-up at pre-arranged time.

The Erie County Department of Job & Family Services, Child/Adult Protective Services does not recommend or endorse specific providers. Information can change at any time. Please use contact information provided to confirm information.

**Transportation Resources Continued**:

**SPARC** (Sandusky Perkins Area Ride Connection) Daily ride service operated by Sandusky Transit Service: 419-627-0740

See City of Sandusky website for current stop schedule www.ci.sandusky.oh.us Sandusky Transit link or call 419-627-0740.

•  Monday – Saturday 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

•  One Hour Loop $1.00 per ride

•  Hop-on Hop-off at Stops

•  Exact Fare Required

•  Ages 12 and under must be accompanied by adult

•  Wheelchair clients are welcome

•  Children 5 and under are FREE

**Serving Our Seniors: Serving age sixty and over.**Out of Town Trips: Call Serving Our Seniors at 419-624-1856

* Use volunteer drivers, full size cars, no vans, donation expected

**Firelands Regional Medical Center Transportation**

* Office Hours: 419-557-5046 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
  Services offered: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – last transport home 3:00 p.m. No fee charged.  
  Can accommodate children ages 8 and up with adult rider.
* Service limited to medical appointments at the following locations only:
* Main Campus – 1111 Hayes Avenue (includes Women’s Center, Wound Care Center and Cancer Center)
* Firelands Counseling & Recovery – 1925 Hayes Avenue  
  South Campus – 1912 Hayes Avenue includes Family Health Services

of Erie County, lab services, and outpatient therapy Firelands Regional Medical Center Surgery Center – 2800 Hayes Avenue

**Transportation Resources Continued:**

**Medicaid Managed Care Transportation**

Most plans provide transportation for medical, dental, mental health, WIC appointments, and Medicaid re-determination appointments at the local Job and Family Services Agency. See the following list for specific requirements and limits:

**CareSource**

TMS Services: Members call CareSource member services number on your card, option 2 for members and then option 2 for transportation.

Call 3 business days or up to 30 days before a scheduled appointment. Limit: 15 round trips or 30 one-way trips per calendar year.

**WellCare**

Call 1-800-951-7719 (MTM) Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Call 3 business days or more in advance.

Out of County trips may be possible, call for information.  
Limits: 11 round trips or 22 one-way trips per calendar year.

**Buckeye**

Call 1-866-531-0615 (TMS) Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Call 2 business days or more in advance.

Provide transportation to medical and Medicaid re-determination Appointments, also provide transportation for WIC appointments. Limits: 15 round trip or 30 one way trips per calendar year.

**Transportation Resources Continued:**

**DIAL-A-RIDE**: (For residents of Huron Township and Huron City only)

Note: If you have not used this service before, you will need to call 419-433-7433 in advance of your transportation need and provide information to apply for this service.

Current users: Call 419-433-7433 to make advance reservation, you will need to call at least 24 hours in advance.  
Hours of Service: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - Noon and 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm (last return trip 3:30 p.m.)

To Sandusky:

- For medical reasons only  
- No nursing facility residents, No Wheelchairs

No Fee - Will accept donations - all volunteer drivers.

**Veterans Services of Erie County Transportation:** Phone 419-627-7650

Hours 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Call for information and application process. Transportation available for Erie County resident’s to:

⮚ Cleveland VA medical appointments ⮚ Sandusky OVH Outpatient Clinic

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# **ERIE COUNTY COUNSELORS/COUNSELING AGENCIES**

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| **Associated Bay Area Counselors, Inc.**  1319 Hull Rd. Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-625-1686 | **Dr. Robert Daniels (Psychologist)**  1617 W. Bogart Rd. Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-626-8226 |
| **Bayshore Counseling Services**  1218 Cleveland Rd. Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-626-9156 Toll free: 1-800-686-0088  Henrietta Whelan, MSW, LISW Clinical Director | **Firelands Counseling & Recovery Services**  1925 Hayes Ave. Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-557-5177  24 Hour Hotline: 1-800-826-1306 |
| **Cornerstone Counseling of Bellevue**  817 Kilbourne Street Suite G Bellevue, Ohio 44811 419-483-9411 www.bellevuecornerstone.com | **Dr. Han Lee (Psychiatrist)**  1617 W. Bogart Rd. Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-626-8679 page21image2112045728 |
| **Healing Trails**  4317 Bellevue-Castalia Rd. (St. Rt. 269) Castalia, Ohio 44824 419-684-9750  Kendra Didion, MSSA, LISW | **Northern Ohio Psychological Services, Inc.**  1522 E. Perkins Ave. Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-624-1277  page21image2112068832 |
| **Dr. Carlos Lowell, Psychiatrist**  143 E. Water St. Sandusky, OH 44870 419-627-9289 Dr. Gregory Bishop, Psychiatrist Susan Lowell, LISW-S | **Seasons of Life Counseling, Inc**  4444 Galloway Road Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-621-8773 |

# **ERIE COUNTY HOUSING RESOURCES**

Erie County Assisted Living Facilities

Independent Apartments with On-site Assistive Services

The Community at Parkvue

3800 Boardwalk Blvd. Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-621-1900

**Erie County Subsidized Housing for Seniors Independent Living**

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| **The Commons of Providence**  5000 Providence Drive Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-624-1171  (Also, have Specialized Assisted for those with dementia)  Portland House  3803 Venice Road Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-624-1090 | **Kingston Residence of Vermilion**  6010 W. Lake Rd. Vermilion, Ohio 44089  440-967-2424  The Community at Parkvue  3800 Boardwalk Blvd. Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-621-1900  page22image2113040096 |

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| **Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority (EMHA)**  322 Warren Street Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-625-0262  Section eight and Public Housing throughout Erie County for all ages. EMHA also manages the following facilities: | |
| **Community Plaza**  1211 McKinley Street Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-626-4607 | **Bayshore Towers**  128 Perry Street Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-625-3361 page22image2113080464 |

**National Church Residences Manages Harborview and Viewpoint:**

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| **Harborview Apartments**  115 Franklin Street Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-627-0544 |  | | **Viewpoint Apartments**  215 E. Shoreline Drive Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-625-1101 |
| **Listing of other local subsidized units:**  Leisure Apartments, WT Realty, 2400 Milan Road, Sandusky, 419-626-1979  Huron Housing Resources:  The following two facilities have a rental office at: 201 Rye Beach Road, Huron, Ohio 44839 Phone: 419-433-5575  Office hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Applications are available at all times in an outside mailbox at this address. | | | |
| **Erie Village Apartments** – Rental Office 201 Rye Beach Road, Huron, Ohio 44839 419-433-5575  Family Housing HUD Section 8 and Section 515 | | **Villa on the Lake** – Rental Office 201 Rye Beach Road, Huron, Ohio 44839 419-433-5575  Housing for those ages 62 and over or for disabled adults age 18 and over. | |
| **Special Needs Housing Options** | | | |
| Miriam House - Transitional Housing for Women and Children  A service of Catholic Charities 34 Woodlawn Avenue Norwalk, OH 44857 Contact: 419-668-3070 or 1-800-668-3110 | | | |
| **Safe Harbor, Domestic Violence Shelter**: 419-626-2200 page23image2130833120 | | | |
| **Volunteers of America:** Crossroad Homeless Shelter, 1843 Superior Street, Sandusky, Ohio 419-626-6505 | | | |

# **Erie County Nursing Facilities**

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| **Admiral’s Pointe Nursing & Rehabilitation**  1902 Cleveland Road Huron, Ohio 44839 419-433-4990 | **Continuing Healthcare Solutions (Formally Briarfield of Milan)**  185 South Main Street Milan, Ohio 44846 419-499-2576 |
| **Concord Care and Rehabilitation Center**  620 W. Strub Road Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-626-5373 | **Erie County Care Facility**  3916 E. Perkins Avenue Huron, Ohio 44839 419-627-8733 |
| **Great Lakes Transitional Care Center**  1915 Hayes Avenue Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-557-7016 (Skilled only) | **Kingston of Vermilion**  4210 Telegraph Lane Vermilion, Ohio 44089 440-967-1800 |
| **Lutheran Home**  795 Bardshar Road Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-625-4046 | **Mill Manor Care Center**  938 Exchange Street Vermilion, Ohio 44089 440-967-6614 |
| **Ohio Veterans Home**  3416 Columbus Avenue Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-625-2454 | **Parkvue Health Care Center**  3800 Boardwalk Blvd. Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-621-1900 |
| **Providence Care Center**  2025 Hayes Avenue Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-627-2273 |  |

# **EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEMS**

Contact agency for monthly fee information.

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| AGENCY | PHONE# | 800 Number |
| Comfort Keepers | 567-424-6773 | 1-866-230-2624 |
| Guardian | 1-888-349-2400 | 1-888-349-2400 |
| Home Instead Senior Care | 1-419-734-5050 | 1-877-733-5050 |
| Lifeline | 1-800-543-3546 | 1-800-543-3546 |
| O.E. Meyer | 419-625-1256 | 1-800-225-1256 |
| Response Ability | 1-877-454-7371 | 1-877-454-7371 |
| Valued Relationships(VRI) | 1-800-860-4230 | 1-800-860-4230 |

# **Energy Assistance**

HEAP (Assistance with heating bills - apply before March 31) - 1-800-472-7277 or

1-800-282-0880

Information and applications at Area Office on Aging, CAC, Serving Our Seniors

Ohio Energy Credit Program (Apply before Sept. 30) - 1-800-282-4310

# **GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**

**Adult Protective Services:**Erie County Department of Job & Family Services - 419-626-6781  
221 W. Parish Street, Sandusky, Ohio 44870

www.eriecountychildrenservices.com

Investigates abuse, neglect, (includes self-neglect) and/or exploitation of those over 60.

Make referrals to 419-626-5437 or for after-hours emergency concerns call the children’s /adult services 24-hour hotline/intake at 419-627-7951

**Erie County Health Department**

420 Superior St,

Sandusky, OH 44870

888-399-6065

http://eriecohealthohio.org

**County Ohio Department of Job & Family Services (CDJFS)**

221 West Parish St,

Sandusky, OH 44870

419-626-6781

www.eriecounty.oh.gov

**Ohio Veterans Home**

3416 Columbus Ave,

Sandusky, OH 44870

(419) 625-2454

# **Helpful Toll-free numbers**

**Aging Related:**

Food and Drug Complaints: 1-800-282-1955

Legal Hotline (Pro Seniors) 1-800-488-6070

Long-Term Care Ombudsman 1-800-282-1206

Medicare 1-800-633-4227

Ohio Department of Insurance 1-800-686-1526

Social Security Administration 1-800-772-1213

Talking Books 1-800-424-9100

Utility Consumer Hotline 1-877-742-5622

Veterans Administration 1-800-827-1000

**Health Hotlines:**

Alzheimer’s Disease 1-888-458-2823

Blindness & Impaired Vision 1-800-424-8666

Drug Abuse 1-800-537-8098

Eldercare Locator 1-800-677-1116

Fraud Line 1-800-873-7283

Health & Communicable Disease 1-800-232-4636

Home Weatherization/Energy Assistance Program 1-800-282-0880

Medicare (Fraud) 1-800-447-8477

National Health Info. Clearinghouse 1-800-336-4797

Organ Donation 1-800-528-2971

**Disease Specific:**

Alzheimer’s Association 1-800-272-3900

American Cancer Society 1-800-227-2345

American Council of the Blind 1-800-424-866

American Diabetes Association 1-800-342-2383

American Heart Association 1-800-282-0291

American Kidney Fund 1-800-638-8299

American Liver Foundation 1-800-465-4837

American Speech, Language & Hearing Association 1-800-638-8255

Arthritis Foundation 1-800-283-7800

Lung Disease Association 1-800-222-5864

National Multiple Sclerosis Society 1-800-FIGHT MS

National Parkinson Foundation 1-800-472-4636

# **Medication Assistance**

Drug Repository Program: **Buderer Drug**, Sandusky, Ohio  
Phone: 419-627-2800 Fax: 419-626-0494

For persons age 60 and older contact: Serving Our Seniors 419-624-1856 For persons under age 60 contact: Volunteers of America 419-626-6505

To access the Drug Repository Program at Buderer Drug:

Contact the above agencies to determine eligibility. You may also check with your medical provider, clinic, or social service agency to see if they can refer you to the Drug Repository Program. If your medications are available and you qualify for the program, the cost is $19.00 per prescription for a 30 day supply of brand name medications or up to a 90 day supply of generic.

Program Eligibility: Ohio State Board of Pharmacy: Rule 4729-35-05 (Update effective 01/01/2009) A pharmacy, hospital, or nonprofit clinic that elects to participate in the drug repository program must determine if a person is eligible to receive drugs. A person must meet the following requirements to become an eligible recipient of drugs from the drug repository program:

1. (A)  Is a resident of Ohio, and
2. (B) (1) Has no reasonable financial means to pay for the drug prescribed; or,

(2) Is a patient of a nonprofit clinic.  
Medications are available on a fist come, first serve basis. From time to time, some medications may be rationed to meet the greatest number of needs. Medications will not be “owed” to anyone. For example, if your prescription is for 30 tablets and there are only 20 tablets available, you will still have to pay the $19.00.

Agencies referring to the drug repository will have a written screening tool, including a financial need statement, which each patient will be required to complete and sign.

Check with local pharmacies for free or low cost antibiotics or diabetes medications Sandusky Prescription Ministry: Hosted by First Baptist Church

Contact: Barb Swain 419-626-3371

▪  Will help individuals one time per year, limit $75.00

▪  Must be resident of Erie County and have no insurance

▪  If approved, will call in voucher for Fisher Drug.

Internet Resource: www.needymeds.org

# **Service Providers**

**Catholic Charities -** Carol Wheeler

48 Executive Dr b,

Norwalk, OH 44857

(419) 668-3073

**Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities** www.eriecbdd.org  
Erie County Board of DD: 4405 Galloway Rd. Sandusky, Ohio - 419-626-0208 “Our mission is to promote choice, independence, and to support people with disabilities in exercising their rights to be respected, responsible members of their community.”

**Erie County Senior Center** 419-626-2560 www.eriesenior.org

620 E. Water Street, Sandusky  
Lunch, Meal on Wheels, Activities, Socialization, Group meetings, Information

**Golden Buckeye Card**

Apply at local senior centers, banks, and Area Office on Aging Discounts to Ohio seniors (60 +) or over 18 and disabled

**Home Repair/Weatherization Programs**  
Serving Our Seniors - 419-624-1856  
Rural Development Services (loans) - 330-830-7700  
Erie-Huron Community Action Commission (CAC) - 419-626-4320 Area Office on Aging (Housing Dept.) - 1-800-472-7277  
Warm Choice Furnace Repairs - 1-800-537-8210

**Hospice**  
Stein Hospice Service - 419-625-5269 www.steinhospice.org 1200 Sycamore Line  
Sandusky, Ohio 44870

**Heartland Home Health & Hospice** - 1-800-505-7444 Fremont, Ohio 43420

**Legal Services**Legal Aid Line – 419-930-2480 (will take eligibility application over the phone)

Website: Complete application online at www.legalaidline.org  
Pro Seniors: 1-800-488-6070 (Free legal advice telephone appointment) www.proseniors.org

**Long Term Care Ombudsman Program** - 1-800-542-1874

Help families resolve complaints about residential treatment in nursing homes, adult care communities and home care services. http://aging.ohio.gov/services/ombudsman

**Service Providers Cont’d**

**Social Security** - Local contact number: 1-866-588-7397 www.ssa.gov

Sandusky Office: 252 Wayne Street, Sandusky, OH 44870  
Call National toll free number 1-800-772-1213 from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. for Retirement, Survivors, Disability, or Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

**Tax Relief** (Property/Homestead Exemption) - 419-627-7746

Erie County Auditor – Property Tax Relief for seniors with limited income <http://erie.iviewauditor.com/>

**Vermilion Senior Center:** Mildred Early Senior Center - 1-440-258-9014

Meet in back area of Vermilion Board of Education Building 1230 Beechview, Vermilion, OH 44001  
Contact: Sandy Eakin

**Victim’s Assistance**

Sarah Reynolds Director

247 Columbus Ave. Suite 319

Sandusky, OH 4870

419-627-7699

**Visiting Physicians – Grace Hospice—**

Toledo (Maumee) office – Anthony Gant (419-250-0264 / agant@ghospice.com)

Phone: (567) 218-2075

Fax: (877) 473-8167

# **SKILLED HOME HEALTH CARE AGENCIES** The following skilled agencies accept Medicare, Medicaid & commercial insurance.

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| **Firelands Regional Medical Center Home Health**  5420 Milan Road Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-557-6590  Medicare/Private Insurance | **Maxim Health Care Services**  9501 St. Rt. 250 Ste. 5 Milan, Ohio 44846 419-609-9054 or 419-609-9056 Email:  sanduskyhomecare@maxhealth.com |
| **The following Medicare Skilled agencies accept Medicare/Medicaid/Commercial Insurance and Private Pay:** | |
| **First Choice Medical Staffing**  Sandusky Plaza 1164 Cleveland Rd. Unit 20 Sandusky, Ohio 44870  419-626-9740 | **page19image2108357856Fisher-Titus Medical Center Home Health Center**  257 Benedict Avenue Norwalk, Ohio 44857 1-419-668-0099  1-800-589-8101 |
| **Heartland Home Health and Hospice**  907 W. State Street Fremont, Ohio 43420 1-800-505-7444 | **Heritage Health Care Services**  3708 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-609-0945 |

# **PRIVATE DUTY HOME CARE AGENCIES**

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| **Cambridge Home Health Care**  2819 Hayes Avenue, Suite 10 Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-609-1960 | **Comfort Keepers**  77 Whittlesey Avenue Norwalk, Ohio 44857 567-424-6773 1-866-230-2624 |
| **Easter Seals**  9501 US Rt. 250 North Suite 4 Milan, Ohio 44846 419-621-7997 1-800-696-5601page20image2111882848 | **First Choice Medical Staffing**  1164 Cleveland Road Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-626-9740 |
| **Heritage Health Care Services**  3708 Columbus Avenue Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-609-0945 | **Home Instead Senior Care**  205 SE Catawba Rd. Suite H Port Clinton, Ohio 43452  419-734-5050 1-877-733-5050 |
| page20image2111958688**TLC Medical Staffing, Inc.**  1604 East Perkins Avenue Suite 209 Sandusky, Ohio 44870 888-284-2605 419-624-9401 page20image2111969280 |  |

# **Support Groups**

The following list of support groups has been provided by Firelands Regional Medical Center. Please call Ruth at 419-557-7410 with any questions. Please contact phone number listed with each group for most current information for meeting time, dates and locations. (Updated February, 2013)

**Alzheimer’s Support Group** 419-557-7114

Support group for people with Alzheimer’s and their families  
4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.  
Firelands South Campus – 1912 Hayes Avenue, Sandusky Conference Resource Room

**Better Breathers Club** 419-557-6151

Support and education for those who struggle with respiratory difficulties as well as their family members, friends and the general public.  
Firelands Main Campus, 1111 Hayes Avenue, Sandusky

**Diabetes Support Group** 419-557-6995

Support and education program for people and family members affected by diabetes.  
Firelands Main Campus, 1111 Hayes Avenue, Sandusky

**Freedom from Smoking Support Group** 419-557-6151

Monthly meeting open to anyone needing support to continue to be tobacco free. Firelands Main Campus, 1111 Hayes Avenue, Sandusky

**Living with Illness Support Group** 419-557-6959

For those with a long or short-term illness or a terminal disease. Family members welcome  
Meet the 1st Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.  
Firelands Main Campus, 1111 Hayes Avenue, Sandusky

**Multiple Sclerosis Support Group** 419-557-7204

Support group for people and family members affected by MS Meet 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.  
Firelands South Campus, 1912 Hayes Avenue, Sandusky

**Support Groups Continued:**

**Ostomy Support Group** 419-557-7893

Support group for ostomates (people with bowel and bladder diversions) offers moral support, information and advice on problems associated with the ostomy. Firelands Main Campus, 1111 Hayes Avenue, Sandusky

**Sandusky Area Stroke Club** 419-433-3054

Open to all stroke survivors, families and professionals. Meet 1st Tuesday of every month from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Firelands South Campus, 1912 Hayes Avenue, Sandusky

**Tourette Syndrome Support Group** 419-621-9811

For those with Tourette Syndrome. Family members welcome. Meet the 2nd Tuesday of Every Month at 2:00 p.m.  
Firelands South Campus, 1912 Hayes Avenue, Sandusky

# **Vision Services**

Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired 1-800-589-5811 Prevent Blindness Ohio (vision care outreach) 1-800-301-2020 Blind Fund of Sandusky Lions Club, contact Pamela at 419-271-6844 or Judy 419-239-3926 Sight Center of Northwest Ohio 1-800-624-8378