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## LOCAL RESOURCES



### Housing Resources:

- **Community Housing Network**

Offers housing solutions for people across Michigan who are experiencing crisis, homelessness, or facing obstacles due to a disability, income or hardship.

- **On My Own of Michigan**

Supporting individuals with developmental disabilities in metro Detroit since 1997 as they build and maintain their independence.

- **SAIL – Solutions for Adult Interdependent Living**

Since 2019, SAIL has been partnering with community leaders, public and private organizations, and individuals to inspire creative and sustainable housing solutions that empower adults with disabilities to thrive and actively participate in, and contribute to, their communities for a lifetime.

### Vocational Resources:

- **Arkay**

Provides vocational and community-based services in Wayne, Monroe, Macomb and Oakland County to the Developmentally Disabled and Cognitively Impaired community since 1983.

- **Creative Empowerment Opportunities**

Providing support since 1993 by helping individuals learn daily living skills in functional academics, physical health, social recreation, volunteering and employment in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair Counties.

- **Employment Options Unlimited**

Employment Options is a nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing employment of individuals with disabilities by helping bridge the gap and eliminate barriers they may face.

- **Freedom Work Opportunities (FWO)**

Founded in 1983, FWO has been utilizing Gentle Teaching to provide high quality, realistic vocational training and skill building to individuals with disabilities in Oakland and Genesee counties.

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### Vocational Resources (cont.):

- **Gesher Human Services**

Helping adults and youth with disabilities in Oakland and Wayne counties to achieve long-term success and fulfillment in work and life by helping them become independent and integrated into their communities.

- **Michigan Rehabilitation Services**

Statewide network of vocational rehabilitation (VR) professionals developing creative, customized solutions that meet the needs of individuals and businesses. They offer individualized services that assist potential employees with differing abilities to prepare, pursue and retain careers.

- **New Horizons Rehabilitation**

Headquartered in Auburn Hills, New Horizons has been focused since 1964 on providing the tools to individuals facing barriers to employment, prepare for competitive employment and providing the necessary skills for our individuals to assume responsibility for their own long-term success.

- **New Gateways**

Located in Waterford, MI New Gateways builds a friendly community for adults with disabilities where they can enjoy life and learn independence. They host programs that encourage skill building, self-sufficiency, and vocational learning.

- **Judson Center**

Since 1924, Judson Center has provided services to over 12,000 children, adults, and families each year. Since then, the agency has been fostering independence through innovative programs, and empowering individuals of all ages and their families to live the best lives possible.

- **Lahser Pre-Vocational Centers**

Established in 1979, they have been providing services and opportunities to individuals with disabilities and offer an array of services including skill building, pre-vocational, and vocational services.

- **Life Skills Centers**

Life Skills Centers began in 1981 offers both facility based and community-based skill building in St. Clair, Macomb, and Oakland Counties. All programs are individually centered and focus upon helping people become as independent as possible and to become fully integrated into their community.

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### Advocacy Resources

- **The Arc of Oakland County**

Works through education, research, and advocacy to improve the quality of life for children and adults with cognitive, intellectual, and developmental disabilities in every community; and, works to prevent both the causes and effects of intellectual and other related developmental disabilities.

- **The Arc of Macomb County**

Membership association emphasizing community inclusion through employment, independent living, and community participation. Offers person-centered services and supports regarding an individual's vocational, social, educational, and residential needs and desires.

### Transportation Services

- **Freedom Road Transportation Authority (FRTA)**

Seeks to empower people who have transportation barriers living with a convenient and cost-effective transportation option. FRTA allows people to improve their quality of life by not being isolated from their community.

- **North Oakland Transportation Authority**

Providing transportation services to Orion, Oxford and Addison Townships, Lake Orion, Oxford, and Leonard since 2001.

### Recreational Programs

- **FAR Therapeutic Arts and Recreation**

Offers music, art, dance/movement, and recreational therapy for individuals in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb Counties with special needs to enrich their lives.

- **Jack's Place for Autism**

Providing support, education, compassion, and a comprehensive array of services to help families cope with day-to-day challenges of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), ultimately improving the quality of life for individuals and their families.

- **Living and Learning Enrichment Center**

Based in Northville, focused on enhancing the lives of individuals with disabilities through therapeutic, social, work-based, and community engagement.

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### Summer Camps for Individuals with Special Needs

Over 40 Michigan special needs summer camps that are geared for specific needs or conditions of the camper. Some camps are overnight, while some are day programs. [Link to summer camps: click here!](#)

### Dental Resources

Dentistry specializing in serving those with special needs.

- **Michigan Sedation**

Dr. Palmer and his staff in Rochester Hills are proud to provide exceptional dental care, including many forms of anesthesia (ranging from sedation to general) for patients of all ages with special needs.

- **Sedation Dentistry Center**

Dr. Kaminski in Roseville strives to provide every patient with the high quality and level of care they deserve. Many special needs patients have been with their office for 20 years or more.

- **MyCare Dental Center**

On-site at the Center Line location only, this clinic provides quality, affordable dental care to residents of Macomb County and surrounding areas.

### Mediation Services

- **Oakland Mediation Center**

For over 30 years, Oakland Mediation Center (OMC) has provided conflict resolution and education services that are quite affordable and quickly empower community members, families, businesses, courts and schools to resolve conflict.

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### Parent Support Resources

- **Michigan Alliance for Families**

Michigan Alliance for Families is a statewide resource to connect families of children with disabilities to resources to help improve their children's education. They help facilitate parent involvement to improve educational services and outcomes for students with disabilities. They can also assist in knowing your rights, effectively communicating your child's needs and advising how to help them learn.

- **Autism Speaks**

Dedicated to promoting solutions, across the spectrum and throughout the life span, for the needs of individuals with autism and their families. This is done through advocacy and support, increasing understanding and acceptance of people with autism; and advancing research into causes and better interventions for autism spectrum disorder and related conditions.

### Special Needs Planning

- **New Possibilities**

Offering life management consulting, elderly care management consulting, property management services to further identify goals and help to achieve them.

For more information and assistance, contact: Kurt Davis at 586-713-3134 or [k\\_davis@nlgroupmail.com](mailto:k_davis@nlgroupmail.com)

### Fiscal Intermediaries

- **GT Independence**

GT Independence is a financial management services that has helped over 20,000 people live the life they choose. Regardless of age or ability, they help to manage paperwork and the details that let individuals self-direct their care and support.

- **Stuart Wilson CPA, PC**

Helping individuals lead self-determined lives in over 60 counties throughout the state of Michigan. Works closely with Community Mental Health Associations for over 18 years allowing them to gain the insight and experience needed to maximize the Self-determination experience of individuals they serve.

- **The Arc of Oakland County**

Contracted by Easterseals MORC, the Arc of Oakland County serves as the Financial Management Service provider for individuals who have chosen to enroll in Self-Direction.

- **Lifelong Advocacy**

Located in Macomb County, empowering individuals to have the freedom to make their own lives through the Self-Determination program.

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