

Babysitter Training,

North Star Chapter

Am. Red Cross

2029 South 6th Street #109

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-829-4004

Toll-Free: 1-800-969-7798

aaron@northstar-redcross.org

Classes for ages 11-15. Classes at Chapter or can be arranged at your site. Call for information. Preregistration and prepayment are required. Visa, Mastercard and checks accepted.

BAY Ministries

PO Box 1131

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-825-9149

bayministries.org

dale@bayministries.org

Full, part time and volunteer youth leaders who meet the first Tuesday of each month, September to May. Meetings take place at the Light House on Norwood, in Brainerd, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Group plans and holds cooperative youth ministry events including rallies and concerts. BAY works with the school district in counseling students during times of crisis.

Boy Scouts of America- Pine Tree District

803 Kingwood St. 2nd Floor

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-280-9379

320-251-3930

marty@bsacmc.org

Instills values and character in young people and prepares them to make ethical choices. Programs: Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing, Exploring, Learning for Life, Leader Training.

Camp Jim

1026 Camp Jim Rd.

Pillager, MN 56473

Contact: 218-829-6767

camp@campjim.org

www.campjim.org

Camp JIM offers both Youth Bible Camp and Family Camps. Programs include Bible-based religious education. Swimming, paddle boats, mini-golf, waterslide, sports & field activities, tetherball, gymnasium, and new water trampoline.

Central Minnesota Juvenile Center

11810 St. Ave Suite 3

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-828-2764

Secure detention, secure residential treatment, transportation, medical services. Serving male and female juveniles ages 12-18. Referrals through the court system. Outpatient CD program through referral, Rule 25 Assessment needed.

Chemical Health Services

523 North 3rd St.

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-828-7547 (leave a message)

Alateen-type counseling and groups offered in a school setting. Evaluation and referral for students and families affected by substance abuse and dependency. Contracted services offered through school districts. Serving Brainerd, Crosby & Pequot Lakes Schools. Contact us if you have questions or need further information.

Child Abuse Prevention Council -CWC

P.O. Box 1004

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-963-2657

A multi-disciplinary team (including members of the public) appointed by County Commissioners to work to promote awareness and programs to prevent child abuse within Crow Wing County. Meetings are monthly and open to the public. Community involvement is welcomed and encouraged on various projects.

Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Services

11705 State Ave.

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-828-2387

Provides person-centered mental health services to those between the ages of 6 and 18 who have a serious emotional disturbance and whose needs exceed the resource capacities of the families and local communities. It also provides mental health services to clients age 18-21 who continue to require treatment. Children and adolescents from throughout the state are referred by county social services, corrections, private hospitals, parents, treatment facilities, schools and third party payers Both treatment sites at Brainerd and Willmar are prepared to treat young people with highly complex diagnostic and treatment needs. Please call for additional information.

Minnesota Network

Lafayette Rd. Suite 105

St. Paul, MN 55107

www.mnchildcare.org

Contact: 1-651-290-9704

Providing a multitude of childcare options for people on MFIP, Transition Year Child Care, Basic Sliding Fee Child Care. Assistance in finding quality childcare. Other opportunities for families and children include immunization programs, early childhood screening, Part-C Infant and Toddlers with Disabilities, school readiness, Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE), Head Start, MinnesotaCare and 1st Call for help. Please call for additional information.

Civil Air Patrol- CAP

P.O. Box 109

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-963-7550

Meets Monday evenings at 7:00 PM at the Civil Air Patrol Building, Brainerd Lakes Regional Airport. The composite squadron serves both cadets (youth ages 11-21) and senior members (adults) with 3 missions: aerospace education, cadet program and emergency services. Contact: Capt Dale C Armstrong

Community Education - Brainerd ISD #181

804 Oak St.

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-454-6924

www.isd181.org

Broad range of educational opportunities for community members of all ages. Four sessions. Two adult sessions are available. Sign up in September and February. Summer programs are available for children, grades K-12 Please call for information.

Community Education of ISD #182- Crosby

711 Poplar Street

Crosby, MN 56441

Contact: 218-545-8822

dsova@ci.k12.mn.us

Committed to lifelong learning! Early Childhood/School Readiness, Adult Education, Snack Attack-student run business and a variety of adult education programs are available.

Community Education of ISD #186- Pequot Lakes

30805 Olson St.

Pequot Lakes, MN 56472

Contact: 218-568-9200

www.pequotlakes.net/school

Located in the Lakes Area Family Center. Programs include: Adult education classes published three times during the school year; Kid Konnection, Greater Lakes Area Performing Arts and computer access for the community in the Eclipse Teen Center. Director Richard Mark

Contact: Julie Despot

Crisis Line and Referral Service

P.O. Box 192

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-828-HELP(4357)

Toll-Free: 1-800-462-5525

Hotline providing free, non-judgmental help 24-hours a day. Trained volunteers provide crisis intervention assistance, help to individuals in a suicide situation, a listening ear for those stressful times, as well as information about appropriate area resources and support groups. Volunteer training is offered on an on-going basis. Anyone interested in volunteering is invited to call 218-828-4515.

Crow Wing County 4-H

322 Laurel Street, Ste. 22

Brainerd, MN 56401

218-824-1065

The mission of the Minnesota 4-H Youth Development is to engage youth, in partnership with adults; in quality learning opportunities that enable them to shape and reach their full potential as active citizens in global community. Our Programs deliver quality, research-based content that nurtures positive partnerships between youth and caring adults in safe learning environments

Crow Wing County Child Support and Collections

Social Services Building

PO Box 686

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 for collecting 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 Health Department

204 Laurel St. Ste. 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 Social Services – Case Management

204 Laurel Street

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-824-1140

Services for children experiencing severe emotional disturbance. May be provided at home, school, or in a preschool setting.

Early Childhood Center, Brainerd ISD #181

311 10th Avenue NE

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-454-5430

www.isd181.org

www.ecfe.mpls.k12.mn.us

The Early Childhood Center provides families with a place to learn, have fun and meet people. Programs include weekly classes for parents and children (0-5 yrs.) together, school readiness pre-school. Family resource center (books, videos, toys, and learning games), Early Childhood screening and Kindergarten Registration, Special Family Events.

Early Childhood Family Education, Crosby-Ironton

509 6th Ave NE

Deerwood, MN 56444

Contact: 218-545-8803

mmatthews@ci.k12.mn.us

Committed to life long learning. Early Childhood/School Readiness Program. There are a variety of adult education programs available.

Early Childhood Family Education, Pequot Lakes ISD# 186

30805 Olson St.

Pequot Lakes, MN 56472

Contact: 218-568-9224

www.ecfe.mpls.k12.mn.us

Provides families with a place to learn, have fun, and meet people. ECFE is for parents and their children between birth & 5 years old. Enhances and supports families in their efforts in raising children. Staffed by qualified teachers, licensed in Early Childhood and/or Parent Education and experienced well-trained assistants. Classes for children and adults, lending library, special family events, school readiness and early childhood screening.

Early Head Start - TCC

2410 Oak St.

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-829-2410

tccbrd@tccaction.com

www.tccaction.com

Serves children birth to age three as well as pregnant women, offering help in child development, health, nutrition, and prenatal education and health care.

Eclipse Teen Center

30805 Olson St.

Pequot Lakes, MN 56472

Contact: 218-568-9360

www.pequotlakes.k12.mn.us

Safe & fun place for youths 7th grade and older to hang out. After school 3:15 until 5:30 PM M-F, and occasional evenings and weekends as advertised. Overseen by Youth Development and Service Team, to offer variety of groups and services. Youth As Resources, fishing club, Timber Bay youths, Creative Illusions, an improv group of local teens, Target Market, Kick Butts, also available are computers with internet, video games, pooltable, fooseball table and pingpong. Snacks available/ vending machines. Contact Lori Blaukat.

Emily Charter School

PO Box 40

Emily, MN 56447

Contact: 218-763-3401

www.emilycharterschool.us

info@emilycharterschool.us

Pre-K through 6th Grade Charter School offering multi-age classrooms of small class size. Also offer DARE program and community classes. Allows each student to reach full potential, be self-directed, team players, critical & creative thinkers, conscientious & responsible citizens.

Family Services Collaborative, Crow Wing County

2410 Oak Street

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-829-2410

Provides leadership to improve and redesign the local service delivery system for children and families in ways which improve the quality of life, support choices, and promote self-reliance. Sponsors CSW (Collaborative Service Workers) in schools. Contact: Marty Sapletal Ext. 9514

Family Support Network

P.O. Box 297

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-828-4485

www.familysupport.org

Three separate groups for adults, children and young adolescents meet each Monday from 6pm-8pm at the Campus Playhouse day care center next to Central Lakes College at 501 W. College Dr,

Brainerd, MN. Trained staff facilitates group discussions, but the parents are the real resource. Parents are invited to attend the adult meeting while their children join one of the kid's groups. FSN is strictly confidential and everyone is welcome

Follow Along Program-TCC

2410 Oak St.

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-829-2410

tccbrd@tccaction.com

www.tccaction.com

An Early Childhood Intervention System sponsored by the Crow Wing County Family Services Collaborative. Helps parents know if their child is playing, talking, growing, moving and acting like other children the same age. Fun activities, referrals to services, if needed. No cost to participate. Call for free brochure.

Fun 'N' Friends -ISD # 181

714 South 6th Street

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-828-0842

School-age care, enrichment and recreation program for students in K-4. Providing age-appropriate activities after school and on non-school days (summer and vacations). Activities include personal growth, citizenship, leadership, outdoor & environmental, social & recreational, health & physical opportunities and lots more. Reasonable rates and flexible scheduling.

Girl Guards -Sunbeams (Salvation Army Building)

PO Box 385

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-829-1120

Meets at the address listed Mondays at 5:00 PM. For more information contact Capt.

Amyjo Ferguson or Tina Stuart. The Guarding Program for girls is for grades 1-12. Sunbeams is for grades 1-5 and Girl Guards is 6th-12th grades. Sponsored by Salvation Army.

Girl Scouts, Brainerd

Central Lakes Office

803 Kingwood St Ste. 305
Brainerd, MN 56401-3409
Contact: 218-270-4859
mhusen@gslakesandpines.org

Provides informal educational programs for girls of all races, religions, socio-economic, and differently-able backgrounds: teaching self-awareness, developing values, contributing to society and relating to others while having fun. Ages 5-17. Also Teen Outreach Program.

Girl Scouts, Cuyuna Range

803 Kingwood St Ste. 305
Brainerd, MN 56401-3409
Contact: 218-270-4859

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., a program designed to help girls grow strong, to be inspired in the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism and service, so that they will become resourceful and caring citizens. Organized in 1912, the program includes outdoor activities, camping, service, homemaking, arts and crafts, international friendship, etc. Encompasses Crosby, Ironton, Deerwood, Emily and surrounding areas. Contact: Monica Husen

Guardian Ad Litem

326 Laurel St.
Brainerd, MN 56401
Contact: 218-824-9323

Advocates for children in court proceedings. Contact us for further information

Hallett Community Center

470 8th Street NE
Crosby, MN 56441
Contact: 218-546-2616
info@hallettcenter.com
<http://hallettcenter.com/>

Provides citizens of Cuyuna Range with a multi-purpose center which responds to their lifelong educational, recreational, social and cultural needs. State-of-the-art fitness center, aquatics area, ice arena, multi-purpose arena, walking track and meeting rooms. Arena available for events and rental.

Head Start, Family Child Care Partnership - TCC

2410 Oak St.

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-829-2410

tccbrd@tccaction.com

www.tccaction.com

Provides the benefits of Head Start/Early Head Start in a licensed child care provider's home or center. Includes nurturing child care, and Head Start curriculum in one consistent environment.

Head Start - TCC

2410 Oak St.

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-829-2410

tccbrd@tccaction.com

www.tccaction.com

Serves children ages three years old to kindergarten. Child development activities provided in center based, home based or combination program. Includes nutritious snacks and lunches, bus transportation and assistance for children with disabilities. Head Start Centers are located in Brainerd and Crosby. Combination Head Start is in Pequot Lakes.

Kid Konnection

30805 Olson St.

Pequot Lakes, MN 56472

Contact: 218-562-6109

Before and after school child care program.

Kinship Partners, Inc., Brainerd

PO Box 642

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-829-4606

1-877-730-5437

www.kinshippartners.org

info@kinshippartners.org

Provides youth with positive role models through mentorships with caring adult volunteers, and supportive educational and social development opportunities.

Kinship Partners, Inc., Pequot Lakes

4325 W. Woodman St.

PO Box 754

Pequot Lakes, MN 56472

Contact: 218-568-4015

Toll-free: 1-877-730-5437

lakes@kinshippartners.org

www.kinshippartners.org

Lakes Area Community Outreach Program - LSS

716 E St.

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-828-4383

1-888-828-4383

ksauve@lssmn.org

LSS Youth Services-assists homeless and/or runaway youth with resources to stay safe-may include emergency shelter, transitional living programs, food, and basic needs items.

Lakes Area Family Center

30805 Olson St.

Pequot Lakes, MN 56472

Contact: 218-568-9200

Family Center housing a variety of programs for the Pequot Lakes area. These include: Community Education, Eclipse Teen Center, ECFE, Early Childhood Special Ed., School Readiness, Youth Sports, Kinship Partners, TCC Headstart, Crow Wing County Public Health, Alateen, Volunteer Coordinators' office. Director: Richard Mark.

Lakes Area Runaway Program - LSS

716 E. St. NE

Baxter, MN 56425

Contact: 218-828-4383

Federally funded program for runaway/homeless youth. The program allows youth up to the age of 17, who do not have an open case with probation or social services, to access safe, temporary shelter when they are experiencing a runaway or homeless situation. Contact: Kirsten Harris

Mentoring Programs, LSS

716 E Street

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-828-4399

gsalie@lssmn.org

Provides mentors to youth and families who reside in Crow Wing County. Mentors focus on assets and strengths of the youth or family they are serving. They provide support, advocacy and friendship.

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

P.O. Box 64882

St. Paul, MN 55164

Contact: 651-201-3650

Toll-Free: 1-800-728-5420

www.health.state.mn.us/mcshn

health.mcshn@state.mn.us

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 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

ISD 181 Learning Center

311 10th Ave NE

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-454-5400

Fax: 218-454-5401

Orla.Kenton@isd181.org

School program for students with serious emotional and behavioral problems.

Montessori School of Brainerd

315 North 6th St.

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-829-5222

Provides both pre-school and kindergarten, part-time or full-time. Dedicated professional teachers give individual and small group lessons in a beautiful enriched environment. Ideal for young children. Creativity, confidence, self-direction & concentration are fostered. Visitors are welcome.

Mothers and Children Free Food Program, (MAC)

208 S. 5th Street

Brainerd, MN 56401

Toll-Free: 1-800-365-0270

A free food package for families with children under age 6, and for postpartum mothers with an infant under one year. Call to register.

Mounted Eagles Therapeutic Horsemanship

6504 59th Ave SW

Motley MN 56466

Contact: 218-568-5883

1-888-828-9920

info@mountedeagles.org

www.mountedeagles.org

Offering therapeutic horsemanship and equine assisted activities to persons who face physical, mental, social and/or emotional challenges. Volunteer opportunities are available and training is provided. 501©3 Non-Profit organization.

Nicotine Naked Program

Independent Counseling Service

10298 Co. Rd. 23

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-828-7736

Three-hour intense nicotine addiction education class. Program for minor possession and/or use of tobacco products held every six weeks. Ages under 18. Contact Ron Brusven or Leonard Wheeler.

Nutrition Education Program, University of MN Extension Service

322 Laurel St.

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-824-1000 Ext: 4061

crowwing@extension.mn.umn.edu

Homemakers, youth and adults are taught how to stretch food resources to eat well on a small budget. Contact: Betty McAllister

PATH

17025 Commercial Park Rd #6

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-828-3900

nkagel@pathinc.org

ggunderson@pathinc.org

gwelch@pathinc.org

Private, non-profit placement/licensing treatment foster care agency serving youth, birth to 18 years, including CTSS for foster youth with Mental Health issues. Also provides adoption services: home studies, placement activities, life books, etc. Member of the Public/Private Adoption Initiative (PPAI) which provides no cost adoption services for MN Waiting Children adoptions. Contact: Nancy Kagel

Paul Bunyan Education Cooperative

315 Charles St.

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-454-5500

gaynard.brown@brainerd.k12.mn.us

www.pbec.k12.mn.us

Education, evaluation and consultation services for all children birth to 12th grade who have disabilities. Covers the following districts: Pillager, Pequot Lakes, Pine River-Backus, Aitkin, Crosby-Ironton, and Brainerd. Also serves the following charter schools: PACS, Emily and Crosslake.

PORT Group Homes

115 1st St. NE

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-828-0263; 218-828-6274

www.portgrouphomes.org

Four group homes offer treatment and assessment for male and female adolescents and children who need structured, caring treatment environment. Referrals come through Social Services, probation, judges, and parents.

Region 5 Child Care Resource & Referral

PO Box L
New York Mills, MN 56567

Toll-Free: 1-800-422-7395

Serving the counties of Crow Wing, Cass, Todd, Morrison and Wadena. Assisting parents in locating child care, technical assistance to early childhood care and education providers, training, grant programs, etc. Work with employers and communities to evaluate child care supply and demand. CCR&R has listing of all licensed family child care providers and licensed child care centers in Crow Wing County. Contact Denise

Rural Minnesota CEP, Inc.

204 Laurel St., Suite 21

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-828-2450

Toll-Free: 1-800-664-3595

www.mnwfc.org/brainerd

Work with unemployed/underemployed to help find self-sustaining employment. Job search classes. Help with job retention, resumes. Services to youth. On-the-job training contracts, job listings and resource room.

Shriner's Hospital for Children

P.O. Box 287

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-828-9438

Free medical treatment for handicapped or burned children to age 18. Includes certain transportation, parent housing and education.

Teen Pregnancy Coalition, Crow Wing County

326 Laurel St.

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-824-1065

<http://www.co.crow-wing.mn.us>

Bi-monthly meetings, quarterly newsletters to parents of 6th-9th grade students, coordination of in-school peer teachers through MN ENABL, adult seminars on sexuality education and communication skills.

The Connection

804 Oak St.

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-822-6950

Lisa.stwarski@isd.org

Job shadowing/mentoring opportunities for youth in grades 6-12. Can focus on hobby or career. Short or long term opportunities available. Contact: Lisa

The Shop Brainerd

723 Washington Street

Brainerd, MN 56401

<http://theshopbrainerd.org/>

The Shop is here to provide a place for our youth where they can grow to be positive, productive, and engaged citizens in the Brainerd Lakes Area. The Shop is also here to close the “opportunity gap” for youth who have yet to find a place to participate in constructive activities, inspiring recreation, and transformative programs.

The Counseling Center

Family Community Support Services - LSS

523 North 3rd St.

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-828-7379

The Counseling Center offers a wide range of professional, high quality mental health services including: individual, couple, family and group counseling, child and adolescent ADHD/ADD testing, family community support program, psychological testing, anger management and Employee Assistance Programs.

Youth As Resources (YAR) - Crow Wing County

213 S. 5th Street

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-829-4092

yar@brainerdcommunityaction.org

www.brainerdcommunityaction.org

Youth As Resources in a community-based program that challenges youth to make a significant contribution to their communities, through service to others.

Youth As Resources (YAR) - Pequot Lakes

30805 Olson St.

Pequot Lakes, MN 56472

Contact: 218-820-6885

blmyers@tds.net

Community-based program that provides small grants to youth to design and carry out community service projects. We fund projects in ISD#186 that are planned, organized and carried out by youth under the age of 21. Funding preference is given to intergenerational projects and proposal requests from youth in 6th - 12th grades. For more info or an application, contact Brenda Myers.

Youth Investment Foundation

PO Box 316

Medina, MN 55340-0316

Contact: 1-763-478-0500

info@timberbay.org

www.timberbay.org

Lifeskill classes for age 14-20. President: Mr. Brad Lien; Donor Contact: Mr. Lowell M. Seashore.

