

Autism Society of Greater Akron (ASGA) Community Care Resource Guide

FOOD ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

National Resources

- [FindHelp.org](#) – Search for free or reduced-cost resources like food, housing, and financial assistance.
- [Feeding America](#) – Locate food banks across the U.S.
- [FoodFinder.us](#) – Interactive map of nearby food pantries.
- [Freedge.org](#) – Find or start a community fridge.
- [ChangeX Community Fridge Map](#) – View local fridge locations.
- [Mapping Little Free Pantry](#) – Locate small, community-driven pantries.
- [Mutual Aid Hub](#) – Find mutual aid networks providing food and essentials.

Local Resources

Medina County: [United Way of Medina County 211](#) – Connect with local pantries and assistance.

Portage County: [Portage County Health District's Food Resources Dashboard](#) - Find nearby food programs and pantry locations.

Stark County: [Stark Help Central – Food Resources](#) - Access listings of local food assistance options.

Summit County: [211 Summit Food Assistance](#) - Get connected to food pantries and meal programs.

Wayne County: [WHIRE](#) - Links residents to local food support and community resources.

HEALTHCARE RESOURCES

National Resources

- [Find a Health Center](#) – HRSA – Locate federally funded health centers.
- [National Association of Free & Charitable Clinics](#) – Directory of free or low-cost providers.
- [New Eyes](#) – Provides eyeglasses for those unable to afford them.
- [Planned Parenthood](#) – Sliding-scale healthcare services.

- [Patient Advocate Foundation Co-Pay Relief](#) – Financial assistance for co-pays and deductibles.

Local Resources

Medina County: [Medina Health Department](#) – Public health services and clinics.

Portage County: [Portage County Health District](#) – Community health and dental programs.

Stark County: [Stark County Health Department](#) – Immunizations, clinics, and family services.

Summit County: [Summit County Public Health](#) – Community clinics and preventive care.

Wayne County: [Wayne County Health Department](#) – Family planning, immunizations, and primary care.

HOUSING RESOURCES

National Resources

- [Just Shelter](#) – Housing aid and tenants' rights organizations.
- [LegalFAQ.org](#) – Tool from Stanford Legal Design Lab for housing support.
- [FindHelp.org](#) – Rental and utility assistance search.
- [Tenants Together](#) – Learn how to form a tenants' union.
- [211.org](#) – Connect to local housing support lines.

Local Resources

Medina County: [Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority](#) - Provides affordable housing and rental assistance.

Portage County: [Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority](#) - Offers housing programs and rental support for residents.

Stark County: [Stark County Regional Housing Authority](#) - Assists with affordable housing options and vouchers.

Summit County: [Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority](#) - Supports residents with housing assistance and programs.

Wayne County: [Wayne Metropolitan Housing Authority](#) - Connects residents to affordable housing and rental aid.

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

National Hotlines

- **988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline:** Call or text **988** - Call or text 988 for immediate mental health support.
- Crisis Text Line: Text **HOME** to 741741 for 24/7 crisis counseling.
- NAMI Helpline: Text **NAMI** to 62640 for mental health information and support.
- Postpartum Support International: Text **HELP** to 800-944-4773 for perinatal mental health support.
- Veterans Crisis Line: Text **838255** for confidential help for veterans and service members.
- Disaster Distress Helpline: 800-985-5990 for crisis counseling after disasters.
- The Trevor Project: Text **START** to 678678 for LGBTQ+ youth crisis support.
- [Trans Lifeline](#) - Peer support hotline for transgender and questioning people.
- SAGE LGBT Elder Hotline: 877-360-5428 for support for LGBTQ+ older adults.
- BlackLine: 800-604-5841 for peer support focused on the Black, Brown, and Indigenous community.
- SAMHSA National Helpline: 877-726-4727 for free, confidential substance use and mental health help.

Local Resources

Medina County: [Alternative Paths](#) – Behavioral health and crisis services.

Portage County: [Coleman Health Services](#) – Offers mental health, recovery, and crisis services.

Stark County: [StarkMHAR](#) – Connects residents to mental health and recovery resources.

Summit County: [ADM Board of Summit County](#) - ADM Board of Summit County – Supports mental health and addiction recovery services.

Wayne County: [The Counseling Center of Wayne & Holmes Counties](#) – Offers counseling, mental health, and recovery support.

State Resource: [Mobile Response and Stabilization Service \(MRSS\)](#) - free service offering on-site support within 60 minutes for youth (20 and under) facing mental, emotional, or behavioral crises.

LEGAL RESOURCES

National Resources

- Immigrant Defenders Law Center - Provides legal defense and support for immigrants facing deportation.
- National Immigration Law Center - Advocates for the rights of low-income immigrants through policy and legal support.
- National Immigration Legal Services Directory - Helps locate local immigration legal service providers.
- National Lawyers Guild - Offers legal support and advocacy for immigrant and human rights issues.

Local Resources

[Community Legal Aid Services](#) - Provides free legal assistance and resources to low-income individuals and families.

NATIONAL BAIL/BOND FUNDS

- [Community Justice Exchange](#) - Supports grassroots organizations working on criminal justice reform and community-led alternatives.
 - [Black Immigrants Bail Fund](#) - Provides bail assistance for Black immigrants in detention.
 - [Envision Freedom Fund](#) - Offers bail and legal support for individuals facing criminal or immigration detention.
 - [LGBTQ Freedom Fund](#) - Provides bail support for LGBTQ+ individuals in detention.
 - [The Bail Project](#) - Funds bail to help individuals safely await trial outside of jail.
 - [National Bail Out](#) - Organizes bail support for Black communities and those impacted by pretrial detention.
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MUTUAL AID RESOURCES

National Resources

- [Mutual Aid Hub Resources](#) – Learn how to organize mutual aid.

Local Mutual Aid

Medina County: [Medina County Volunteer Network \(United Way\)](#) - Connects volunteers with local community service opportunities.

Portage County: [Kent Social Services](#) - Provides volunteer opportunities and support for local community needs.

Stark County: [United Way of Greater Stark County](#) - Links volunteers with programs and initiatives to support the community.

Summit County: [United Way of Summit & Medina](#) - Offers volunteer opportunities and community support programs.

Wayne County: [United Way of Wayne & Holmes Counties](#) - Connects volunteers to local service projects and community resources.