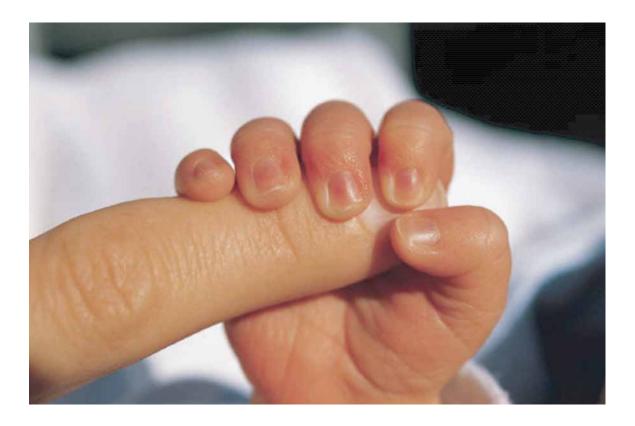
Who to Call

A resource guide for young parents



Serving Washington County



Commonly Used Phone Numbers

Washington County Services

Financial Intake	651-	430-645	;9
Public Health Nurse	651-	430-665	;5
Child Care Assistance	651-	430-645	;9
WIC Program	651-	430-665	8

Other Services

Helping Washington County Parents

What does Washington County do to help young parents?

The following areas are typically addressed by a public health nurse and/or social worker when visiting a pregnant or parenting woman (Page 25):

Prenatal

- Assistance in seeking prenatal care
- Information about decision making related to pregnancy
- Healthy lifestyles
- Nutrition
- Smoking cessation
- Fetal growth and development
- Labor and delivery
- Emotional aspects of pregnancy
- Establishing paternity
- Communication with family
- Community resources (WIC, Medical

Parenting

- Day care issues
- Housing
- Parenting a newborn/infant/toddler
- Child growth and development
- Infant/child nutrition
- Fathers' resources
- Community resources (ECFE, WIC, Help Me Grow, Preschool Screening)
- Support for finishing high school or getting GED
- Reproductive health education and referrals



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Adoption Counseling

Adoption is the legal placement of a child with people who will raise the child as their own. Many adoptions are "open" adoptions, allowing the birth parent(s) the opportunity to choose the adoptive family and maintain contact with that family.

The following are some agencies that specialize in offering support and counseling for those considering adoption as an option:

Adoption Minnesota 111 3 rd Ave S, Ste #370 Minneapolis, MN 55401	612-333-0489
Adoption Option Committee, Inc PO Box 24132 Minneapolis, MN 55424	952-944-0866
Catholic Charities - Seton Services 1276 University Ave W Saint Paul, MN 55104	651-641-1180
Children's Home Society and Family Services	
or 1605 Eustis St Saint Paul, MN 55108	651-635-0095
HOPE Adoption and Family Services International Inc 5850 Omaha Ave N Oak Park Heights, MN 55082	651-439-2446
Lutheran Social Services 2400 Park Ave Minneapolis, MN 55404	612-879-5200



Breastfeeding Resources

Fairview Lakes Regional Medical Center
Health Partners
HealthEast Outpatient Lactation Clinic
Lakeview Hospital Maternity Center
LaLeche League Metro Phone
Regions Hospital Lactation Support Center
St. John's Hospital Maternity Center
St. Joseph's Hospital Lactation Consultant
United and Children's Hospital
Washington County Public Health
Woodwinds Health Campus Maternity Care Center
Web Sites www.lalecheleague.org www.nursingmother.com www.promom.org www.co.washington.mn.us
Chemical Health
If the use of alcohol or other drugs creates problems for you or someone you know, it is important get help. Al-Anon & Al-a-Teen
Alcoholics Anonymous
HSI Chemical Health Division



Counseling Resources

Ch	ildren's Homes Society and Family Services www.chsfs.org Roseville 1711 W County Rd B, Ste #200 Roseville, MN 55113	651-635-0095
	St. Paul 1605 Eustis St St. Paul, MN 55108	651-646-7771
	St. Paul 2230 Como St St. Paul, MN 55108	651-646-6393
Fa	milyMeans www.familymeans.org Stillwater	651-439-4840
	Oakdale Tessar Professional Building 1099 Helmo Ave N, Ste #250 Oakdale, MN 55128	651-439-4840
HS	SI (Human Services Incorporated) www.hsicares.org	
	TTY	651-770-6834
	Cottage Grove 8451 E Pt Douglas Rd Cottage Grove, MN 55016	651-458-4116
	Forest Lake 121 11th Ave SE Forest Lake, MN 55025	651-251-5220
	Oakdale 7066 Stillwater Blvd N Oakdale, MN 55128	651-777-5222



Counseling Resources (Continued)

HSI (Human Services Incorporated (Cont'd)
Stillwater
Sand Creek Group
White Bear Lake Community Counseling Center
Youth Service Bureau www.ysb.net Cottage Grove
Forest Lake
Stillwater
Woodbury



Child Support

14949 62nd St N, Room #200 Stillwater, MN 55082 Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Every child needs financial and emotional support from both parents. Even when parents do not live together, they need to work together to support their child. The child support program works with both parents to establish a financial partnership and provide services that include:

- Locating parents
- Establishing parentage (the official act needed to establish the legal father when an unmarried woman has a child)
- Establishing, modifying and enforcing court orders for child support, medical support and child care
- Collecting and processing payments
- Working with other states to establish, modify, and enforce support when one parent does not live in Minnesota

How do I receive Child Support services?

If you are receiving public assistance (MFIP-Minnesota Family Investment Program, Medical Assistance, Minnesota Care, or Child Care Assistance), and you are the custodial parent of a minor child whose other parent does not live in your home, you are automatically referred for child support services and you do not have to pay any fees. If you are not receiving public assistance, you can apply for child support services at the location/phone number above. You will have to pay a one-time \$25 application fee for these services.

Why is it important to establish the legal father (paternity) of my child?

The establishment of parentage gives a child born outside of marriage the same legal rights as a child born to married parents. Children with legal fathers are entitled to benefits through their fathers. These benefits include: Social Security benefits, veterans benefits and inheritance rights. Children may also benefit by knowing their families' biological, cultural and medical history. Parentage must be established before the court can establish the father's obligation to pay child support.

I - and my child's father - signed a "Recognition of Parentage" form, so why is the child support office telling me paternity has not been established?

If both parents are 18 when the Recognition Form is signed, the form establishes the father as the legal father. If either parent is under the age of 18 when the Recognition



Child Support (Continued)

Form is signed, the form does not become valid in establishing the father as the legal father until six months after the youngest parent turns 18; therefore, it may be necessary to establish paternity through the court system if either parent is under 18.

What if I don't know or can't get all of the information asked for on the paternity questionnaire? (the form sent to a parent who is applying for child support services)

If an applicant does not know the answer to a question, simply write "unknown", rather than leaving it blank. We can then be assured the question was contemplated, and not just avoided.

Child Care

Call to obtain an application and eligibility information after the birth of your baby. Students completing high school are a priority for funding. Child care assistance can be available for parents to attend school, work, or seek employment. Depending on your income, you may be required to pay a portion of the child care payment to your provider.

How can I qualify for child care assistance?

Minor parents attending high school or GED training have priority to have child care paid for while in school. Child care assistance can be separate from MFIP. You must call the county office and complete a child care application.

Is there a waiting list to receive child care assistance?

If you are a minor parent attending school, then you would be on the priority list to receive child care assistance. You would either have a minor wait of one or two months, or be eligible right away. If you are requesting child care assistance for employment, you may have a longer wait. You should call the county and ask about the current waiting list.

Individuals get referrals to family child care homes, centers, in-home care, preschool programs, camps, and after-school programs. Consultation for parents to evaluate and choose appropriate quality child care is available. Information about special services like sick child care, crisis nurseries and social services agencies, as well as referrals to child care-givers with special needs training and experience. A fee may be charged depending on family size and income. The fee is waived for high school students.



Childbirth Education or Prenatal Classes

Some people find it helpful to have education about labor and delivery. You can check with your doctor or midwife about classes or you can call the following for further information or to register. Ask about classes, especially for teens, which may be more comfortable for you and your support person. Many medical insurances pay for classes, have sliding fees, or offer financial assistance. Call early as classes fill quickly.

Catholic Charities-Seton Services - Saint Paul 651-641-1180 www.ccspm.org
Face to Face Counseling and Health Center - Saint Paul 651-772-5555
Fairview On Call
HealthEast
Lakeview Hospital - Stillwater 651-439-5330 www.lakeview.org
Regina Medical Center - Hastings (OB-GYN Dept.)651-480-4100 www.reginamedical.org
Regions Hospital - Saint Paul651-254-2380 www.regionshospital.com
United Hospital - Saint Paul
Westside Community Health Services - Saint Paul 651-222-1816 www.westsidechs.org Spanish, Hmong, and English classes



Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

ECFE classes may include the following: parent groups for support and information; classes on topics such as growth and development, discipline and communication; activities; opportunities to make new friends; field trips; and newsletters. There are often groups for young parents.

ECFE - Cottage Grove 8400 E Point Douglas Rd S Cottage Grove, MN 55016	. 651-458-6632
ECFE - Forest Lake 200 4th St SW Forest Lake, MN 55025	. 651-982-8300
ECFE - Mahtomedi 1520 Mahtomedi Ave Mahtomedi, MN 55115	. 651-407-2014
ECFE - North Saint Paul/Maplewood/Oakdale Gladstone Center 1945 Manton St Maplewood, MN 55109	. 651-748-7280
ECFE - Stillwater 14480 60th St N Stillwater, MN 55082	. 651-351-8350
ECFE - White Bear Lake 2482 E County Rd F White Bear Lake, MN 55110	651-653-3100
ECFE - Woodbury	651-768-5330

8595 Central Park Place, Ste #106, Woodbury, MN 55125 900 Park Crossing, Woodbury, MN 55125



Education

South Washington County #833

<i>Woodbury, Saint Paul Park and Cottage Grove</i> District Office651-458-6300
Adult Basic Education
Alternative Learning Center*651-458-6660
Cottage Grove Junior High 651-768-6800
East Ridge High School651-768-2300
Family Learning Center (GED)*.651-458-6632
GED/ESL651-351-8469
Lake Junior High School651-768-6400
Oltman Junior High 651-768-3500
Park High School651-768-3700
Second Opportunity (SOS)651-458-6643
Woodbury High School651-768-4400
Woodbury Junior High651-768-4500

N St Paul/Oakdale/Maplewood #622

General Information	
District Office	
Alternative Learning/GED	651-748-6200
John Glenn Middle School	651-748-6300
Maplewood Middle School	651-748-6500
North High School	651-748-6000
Skyview Middle School	651-702-8000
Tartan Senior High School	651-702-8600

District #1622

Stillwater District #834

District Office
Alternative Learning Program* . 651-351-8464
GED/Adult Learning
New Heights Charter School651-439-1962
Oak-Land Junior High651-351-8500
Stillwater Area High School 651-351-8040
Stillwater Junior High651-351-6905

Mahtomedi District #832

Forest Lake District #831

District Office
Alternative Learning Center* 651-982-3170
Century Junior High 651-982-3000
Family Learning Program 651-982-8300
Forest Lake Senior High 651-982-8400
GED Community Services 651-982-8302
North Lakes Academy
Charter School
Southwest Junior High 651-982-8700

St Paul Public Schools

Agape*	651-228-7746
Harding High School*	651-793-4700
Johnson High School*	651-293-8890

White Bear Lake Schools

North High School (9-10)	651-653-2920
South High School (11-12)	651-773-6200
White Bear Lake ALC*	651-773-6400

Northeast District #916

Northeast Metro/Capitol View	
Area Learning Center	651-415-5363
GED	651-748-6207

Mounds View District #621

Mounds View Area Learning Ctr* .651-621-6200

* Indicates schools that provide on-site child care. Openings for child care vary, some schools have a waiting list.



Employment

2150 Radio Drive Woodbury, MN 55125

This center provides accessible services to meet the employment and training needs of every member of the community. Services typical for young parents can include:

- Job Search, assistance with resume writing
- MN Job Bank
- Summer Youth Employment

For those individuals who are receiving a Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) grant. Short-term training available. If interested, please contact your employment counselor at the Work Force Center.

Extensive series of workshops available including creative job search and interview skills.



Fathers' Resources

Offers services to fathers of all ages who are in need of assistance with various fatherhood issues. Services include parenting classes, relationship classes, anger management, legal clinics, and referral services. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Call for closest location (eight metro service locations).





Financial Support

Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)

What is MFIP?

Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) is a program to help low-income families with cash assistance, food stamps, medical assistance, and child care.

Can I receive MFIP during my pregnancy or do I need to wait until the baby is born?

If you are under 18 years of age, you need to wait until the baby is born to apply for MFIP.

I only need medical insurance, do I have to apply for everything else?

No, you do not. You can apply for medical assistance, food stamps, or child care assistance alone.

If I submit an application for Medical Assistance or MFIP, how will I know if I qualify?

Your financial worker may be able to give you an estimate of the time it will take to find out if you qualify. It would be within 30 days for MFIP, and 45 days for medical assistance. You will receive a letter telling you if cash assistance was approved or denied and how much you will receive per month. One of the most common reasons for delay of the process is because the county does not have all the verifications needed to make a decision as to whether you qualify. It is important to submit all the verification pieces with your application.

If I report my parents' income on the MFIP application, will I still qualify?

If you are living with your parents, and are under 18, you need to report your parents' income. You may still be eligible. MFIP will take into account your parents' income and family size in making the determination. You always have the right to apply for assistance.

If I earn money while on MFIP will this affect my MFIP grant?

If you are under age 20 and cooperating with a plan to finish high school or GED, your income will not be counted when determining your MFIP grant. Cash assistance if your family meets income guidelines. If you already have a diploma or GED, then your income will be taken into consideration when determining your MFIP grant.



Food Assistance

The Food Stamp Program may be able to help you get nutritious food so that you and your family can have healthy, well-balanced meals. To be eligible, you You must be a Washington County resident and meet income guidelines. To find out if you are eligible, call intake at 430-6459.

1140 Gervais Ave

Maplewood, MN 55109

The MAC Program can help you get foods such as fruits, vegetables, and meats. To be eligible, you must have a child under 6 years old, be pregnant, be a nursing mother, or a women who has delivered within one year. You must meet the MAC income guidelines and NOT be on the WIC program.

WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) 651-430-6658

Located in Cottage Grove, Forest Lake, and Stillwater

WIC is a nutrition program providing healthy foods, individual nutrition information, infant and child feeding tips, and breast-feeding counseling. Foods provided include: fruits, vegetables, whole grain products, cereals, milk, cheese, eggs, juice, cereals, peanut butter, dried peas/beans, foods, and infant formula. To be eligible, you must be pregnant, breastfeeding, recently had a baby, or have a child under five years of age. Contact the WIC office to see if you meet the income guidelines.



Food Shelves

(Please call for hours and appointments)

Christian Cupboard	651-332-9042
Woodbury Lutheran Church	
7380 Afton Rd, Woodbury, MN 55125 Serving Landfall, Oakdale, South Maplewood, and Woodbury.	
Serving Landran, Oakdale, South Maplewood, and Woodbury.	
Community Helping Hands (Emergency Only) 408 15th ST SW, Forest Lake, MN 55025	651-464-8150
Food shelf, clothing, emergency shelter, small household items.	
Family Pathways	651-464-2098
935 Lake St S, Forest Lake MN 55025 Serving Forest Lake, Wyoming, Scandia & surrounding areas.	
Friends in Need	651-458-0730
Serving Cottage Grove, Grey Cloud Island, Newport, and Saint Paul	ul Park.
Hugo Community Food Shelf	651-429-1576
7032 137th St, Hugo MN 55038 Serving Hugo residents.	
Serving hugo residents.	
Mahtomedi Area Food Shelf	651-426-3245
St. Jude of the Lake Parish	
700 Mahtomedi Ave, Mahtomedi, MN 55115 Serving Mahtomedi, Willernie, Pine Springs, Grant and Dellwood.	
Serving Mantomedi, Whierme, The Springs, Grant and Derwood.	
New Life Church	651-757-4177
6758 Bailey Rd, Woodbury, MN 55125	
Serving South Washington County.	
North Saint Paul Food Shelf	651-770-1309
North Saint Paul, MN 55109	
St. Michael's Church	051-439-3241
Serving School District 834.	



Food Shelves (Continued)

Scandia Marine Food Shelf. (Elim Lutheran Church) 14781 Oakhill Road, Scandia, MN 55073 Serving Marine, and Scandia.	. 651-433-2723
Transfiguration Church	. 651-738-2646
Valley Outreach 1911 Curve Crest Blvd W, Stillwater, MN 55082 Serving School District 834.	. 651-430-2739
White Bear Lake Food Shelf. 1884 Whitaker Ave, White Bear Lake, MN 55110 Serving White Bear Lake School District.	. 651-407-5310



Health Care

It's important to receive regular doctor visits during pregnancy. Regular visits to a health provider are also important for the well-being of children and families. (Immunizations, well child care, routine check-ups.)

Financial Resources for Health Care

Often adolescents have medical insurance from their parents that pays for health care. If you have questions about, or are in need of medical insurance coverage, call:

Low Cost Clinics for Health Care

If you or your child need health care and you don't have insurance, you can call one of the following providers.

Many of the following hotlines or agencies also offer health counseling and medical services such as birth control, sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy testing and HIV/AIDS testing. Ask about cost and hours of operation.

Decisions about sexuality or dating can be difficult, but you needn't make them alone. Don't overlook your parents as a source of guidance and experience. Talk with other adults you feel you can respect and trust such as close relatives, family friends, religious leaders, counselors, or teachers.

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Low Cost Clinics Listing for Health Care (Continued)
Face to Face
First Care Pregnancy Centers
MN Family Planning/STD Hotline1-800-783-2287 M-F 9-2pm, Sat 9-2pm
Outlook Clinic (Thursday only 6:00 - 9:00 pm) 651-674-4570 7th and Oak, North Branch, MN 55056
Plan Express Care - Woodbury
Planned Parenthood
St. Croix Family Medical Clinic
St. Croix Valley Life Care Center
St. Mary's Health Clinics
Seton Center/Catholic Charities
West Side Community Health Services



Low Cost Clinics Listing for Health Care (Continued)

Phone Lines and Websites

www.teenhealth411.org

Health information and referrals.

Help Me Grow

Help Me Grow can help you coordinate services for children with special needs beginning at birth. If your child is under three years and you have questions or concerns about your child's development or special needs, call Help Me Grow.



Housing

Reports weekly vacancies in the seven county metro area. Can access the list Monday through Wednesday. Click on Private Market Vacancy Report, scroll to the bottom and select the county.

This agency runs the existing Section 8 program.

Legal Services

Legal Assistance of Washington County (LAWC) **651-351-7172** 275 3rd St S, #103

Stillwater, MN 55082 Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Intake-Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. To qualify for services you must be a Washington County resident, meet financial guidelines, and need assistance in an area of law that LAWC practices. (Divorce, custody/visitation, child support, paternity, maintenance, wills, landlord/tenant, consumer issues.)

166 4th St E, Ste #200 Saint Paul, MN 55101 Legal aid, family law problems, custody, housing, housing discrimination, and government benefits. Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Maternity Items/Baby Equipment

Life Care Centers typically provide support such as car seats, baby layettes, maternity and infant clothing, furniture or financial help. Hours may vary - please call to verify or make appt.

Hastings Total Life Care Center
Lakes Life Care Center
St. Croix Valley Life Care Center
Woodbury Life Resource Center
Women's Life Care Center
Stone Soup Thrift Shop
Veterans Services

Check with local churches



Parenting

Parenting: PARENTS KNOW (MINNESOTA)

Information on parenting topics with printed articles and short videos. English, Hmong, Somali and Spanish.

www.parentsknow.state.mn.us

Health: HEALTHY CHILDREN

The American Academy of Pediatrics provides information about children of all ages.

www.healthychildren.org

Immunizations:

Information and schedules from the Minnesota Department of Health (in six languages).

www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/immunize/basics.html

Warmline: PARENT WARMLINE:

612-813-6336. A free telephone service providing confidential person-to-person support, practical advice, and resources for parents.

Infant Crying: PERIOD OF PURPLE CRYING:

Information and tips for parents to help their crying infants. www.purplecrying.info

Depression: WOMEN'S MENTAL HEALTH & POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION

Information on postpartum depression, resources and support. www.womensmentalhealth.org or www.postpartum.net

or call 651-221-9709 or 800-944-4PDD



Public Health Nurse

A Public Health Nurse can visit any Washington County pregnant or parenting woman one-on-one or with their partner or family. Visits can be in the home, at school, or wherever convenient. Typical areas addressed on visits include:

- Assistance in seeking medical care
- Healthy lifestyles
- Prenatal, infant, and child nutrition
- Fetal growth and development
- Childbirth preparation
- Communication with family
- Family planning
- Physical and emotional development of children
- Child safety
- Assistance in locating community resources (WIC, Medical Assistance, Food Stamps, Housing, ECFE, etc.)

Stillwater, MN 55082



Transportation

Blue Ride 651-662-8648 or 1-866-340-8648 Medical or dental appointment rides for Blue Plus Medical Assistance.

Repairs, donates, and maintains cars free of charge for those in need.



Emergency Phone Numbers

Crisis Connection - 24 hour line	. 612-379-6363
or	. 888-379-6363
Crisis and general counseling, information, and referrals.	
First Call For Help/United Way 211 - 24 hour line	211
or	. 651-291-0211
or	. 800-543-7709

Information and referral center to connect people with services

HSI Emergency Services - 24 hour line	651-777-5222
Mental Health Services.	

MN Poison Control Center Statewide Number	1-800-222-1222
Sexual Assault Services - 24 hour line	651-777-1117

Tubman Family Alliance - 24 hour crisis line651-770-0777or612-825-0000Assistance with harassment, battering, shelters, support groups, counseling, and restraining order information.



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