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**Directory of
Services in
Livingston County
for Children
(Birth to age 6)**



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A MESSAGE EVERY ADULT SHOULD READ BECAUSE

CHILDREN ARE WATCHING YOU AND DOING AS YOU DO, NOT AS YOU "SAY."

**When You Thought I Wasn't Looking
By a Child**

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you hang my first painting, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking
I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking
I saw you give of your time and money, and I learned that those who have something
Should take care of those who don't.

When you thought I wasn't looking
I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it, and I learned we have to take
care of What we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking
I felt you kiss me good night, and I felt loved and safe.

When you thought I wasn't looking
I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it is
OK to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking
I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking
I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive per-
son.

When you thought I wasn't looking
I looked at you and wanted to say,
"Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking."

Each of us, whether parent, teacher, friend or day care provider,
Influence the life of someone,
Especially children!!!!

Transition & Planning

Birth to
Age 6

Livingston County Special Services Unit in partnership with local School Districts, Child & Family Connections, Birth to Three service providers and/or other agencies work together to assure an easy transition should a child be in need of specialized services to support success in the school environment.

When a child turns 30 months, with parent permission, the Child and Family Connections Service Coordinator calls a Transition Planning Meeting. The Parent, Coordinator, and Local School District Representative come together to discuss possible options for the child once they turn 3 years of age.

Between 2.6 years and 2.11 years the Early Learning Team (ELT) from a child's home district (see page 8) comes together to discuss the child's needs. Members of this Early Learning Team must include the Parent, School District Representative, and Assessment team member(s). It may also include Service Coordinator from Early Intervention, Program Supervisor, Therapists, Child Care provider, Pre-K and/or Early Childhood Special Education Teachers, and any other person necessary. After reviewing all gathered information, the ELT members may decide:

1. No services are needed at this time.
2. Information from the early intervention providers is adequate to make educational decisions.
3. Further evaluation is required to make decisions for the child's educational needs.

When evaluations (if needed) are completed and all relevant information is gathered, a decision for needed services is achieved by mutual respect and open communication between parents and professionals. Options for instruction may include:

1. Local district Pre-K (at-risk) program
2. Speech/Language Therapy
3. Occupational/Physical Therapy as a related service
4. Early Childhood Special Education
5. Dual enrollment in Pre-K, Early Childhood Special Education, Kindergarten, and/or Head Start

Services are provided in the least restrictive environment in the student's home school whenever possible. However, some students require very specialized and intensive instruction and, therefore, may attend programs in neighboring school districts or specialized schools.

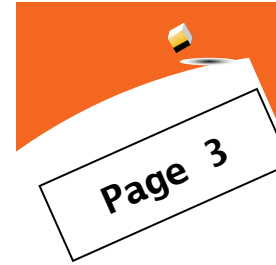


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Livingston County Special Services Unit

Livingston County Special Services Unit working in partnership with local School Districts has been providing services to families and children with special needs since 1967. Included in these services are:

Evaluations of Education Needs
Linkages to Community Services
Occupational Therapy Services
Preschool Screenings
Psychological Services
Speech and Language Services
Social Work Services
Staff Development
Technical Assistance for Programs and Teachers
Transition Services

LCSSU Staff

Director of Special Education: Dawn Conway
Assistant Directors of Special Education: Rose Smith, Christina Butterbrodt
Program Supervisors: Julia Cotter, Clark Reamer, Thomas Proctor, Kim Hughes
LCCN Project Manager: Kristal Shelvin
School Nurse: Kym Harston
Psychologists: Sue Peters, Trisha Mann, Alison Boswell, Sara Harris, Ginger Brainard, Beth Casper
Social Workers: Linda Anderson, Maureen Drach, Becky Spencer, Tanya Bell, Lindsey Deal, Shelli Mushro
Speech Therapists: Mary Billington, Joan Smeltzer, Chelsie Chaney, Elizabeth Mester, Marcia Conlisk, Cheryl Spires, Angela Riddle, Jessie Long, Jessica Stollard
Occupational Therapists: Christine Stark, Stacy Ingvanson, Sue Andresen
Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants (COTA): Cheryl Hudelson, Faye Clark, Diana Whalen
Preschool Screening Coordinator: Kim Cox

HEARTLAND HEAD START

Livingston County Site
1303 Indiana Ave. P.O. Box 624
Pontiac, IL 61764
815/842-2845 (Classroom)

Head Start is a program funded by the federal government and targets children who are three and four years of age. Eligibility is based upon family income. Ten percent of the enrollment may include children with special needs.

Jamie Conover, Special Services Manager
Karen Bruning, Executive Director
206 Stillwell
Bloomington, IL 61701
309/662-4880

PONTIAC DISTRICT #429

Any inquiries about children living in the Pontiac grade school district should contact:

Cheryl Corrigan

Special Needs Office
Pontiac Jr. High School
600 Morrow St.
Pontiac, IL 61764

815/844-5448



Private Preschool & Child Care

County	Title	Location	Phone
Iroquois	"Thawville Community Nursery School"	Thawville Cong.Church Box 81 Thawville, IL 60968	Peg Classen, Teacher 217/387-2424
LaSalle	"Holy Trinity Lutheran Preschool"	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 101 Trinity Lane Streator, IL 61364	Carol Luke, Director/Teacher 815/672-2393 (church) 815/672-6240 (Classroom)
LaSalle	"St. Michael the Archangel Preschool"	410 S. Park Streator, IL 61364	Emily Blumenshine, Teacher 815/672-3847
LaSalle	"Streator Development Center" Child Care Center	405 Chicago St. Streator, IL 61364	Sue Novotney, Director 815/672-4350
Livingston	"Just Kiddin' Around" Child Care Center and Preschool	106 John St. Dwight, IL 60420	Tracy Evans, Director 815/584-2400
Livingston	"God-With-Us Preschool"	325 E. Mazon Ave. Dwight, IL 60420	Kathy Streit, Teacher 815/584-3433
Livingston	"St. Paul's Preschool" (3 and 4 year olds)	St. Paul's Grade School 300 S. West Odell, IL 60460	Linda Hart, Teacher 815/998-2194
Livingston	"Pontiac Christian Preschool"	18034 N. 2100 E. Rd. Pontiac, IL 61764	Denice McGee, Teacher 815/842-1322
Livingston	"Noah's Ark Preschool"	First Lutheran Church 311 W. Grove Pontiac, IL 61764	Stephanie Kohlmeier, Director 815/842-2625
Livingston	"LACC Preschool" (3-5 year olds)	Pontiac High School 1100 E. Indiana Ave. Pontiac, IL 61764	Amy Richardson, Teacher 815/844-6113
Livingston	"Faithful Friends" Pre-school and Child Care	16 Aspen Court Fairbury, IL 61739	Judy Engelbrecht, Director 815/692-4425
McLean	"HIS Kids" Preschool	St. Paul's Lutheran 800 S. Division Chenoa, IL 61726	Kathy Trachsel, Director 815/842-6590 (home) 815/945-5331 (church)
McLean	"St. Paul Lutheran Preschool"	107 E. Chatham St. Lexington, IL 61753	Polly Walcott, Director 309/365-5200
McLean	"Little Lambs" Preschool	1st. United Church 406 W. 7th Gridley, IL 61744	Stacy Ludy, Director 309/310-7186

INFANT-TODDLER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (ITEP)

OSF St. James John W. Albrecht Hospital
2500 W. Reynolds
Pontiac, IL 61764

Contact: Melissa Pina, 815/842-4591

ITEP serves children (birth to age 3) who reside in Livingston County and who are at-risk for developmental delays. Children must meet eligibility requirements: less than a 30% delay in one area of development (speech, language, cognitive, motor, or adaptive/social skills) OR at least one psychosocial, maternal or physical risk factor. Services may include: screenings, assessments, enrichment visits, enrichment groups, family education and support and case management.

TRANSITION PLAYGROUP

OSF St. James John W. Albrecht Hospital
2500 W. Reynolds
Pontiac, IL 61764

Contact: Melissa Pina, 815/842-4591

OSF offers a Transition Playgroup for children 2½ to 3 years of age. This free playgroup meets on Monday from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. and is designed to acquaint children with the structure of a school program before they enter school. Activities include group/circle time, music, snacks, arts and crafts.

CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL NETWORK (CCRRN)

207 W. Jefferson, Suite 301
Bloomington, IL 61701
Pam Womack, Executive Director, 800/437-8256

CCRRN provides referrals to child care options in McLean, Dewitt, Ford, and Livingston Counties. Parents are counseled on how to select quality childcare that best meets the needs of their child. CCRRN provides training and education to child care providers and oversees a car seat loan program. Financial assistance is available to low-income families to assist in paying for child care. The Quality Counts van delivers resources and educational materials to child care providers. A Nurse Consultant is available for health related questions and training for child care program.

CHILD & FAMILY CONNECTIONS (CFC)

103 S. Country Fair Dr.
Champaign, Illinois 61821
217/693-7958 or 1/800-877-1152 (referrals)
Service Coordinators for Liv. Co.
Holly Wallace, 309/825-2379;
Chris Johnson, 815/842-7874
217/693-7967 (fax for referrals)

CFC is the central point through which families enter the Illinois Early Intervention Services System. This program is for children birth to three years of age who have developmental delays or a medical diagnosis. Referrals can be made by parents, nurses, grandparents, social workers, doctors, teachers, friends or any concerned individual. If a child is eligible for services, an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) meeting is held to develop a program to meet the child's needs. Services may include one or more of the following: developmental therapy, physical therapy, audiology, occupational therapy, assistive technology, transportation, speech/language therapy, nutrition services, medical diagnostic services, nursing services, service coordination, social work services and special instructions.

Preschool for All programs (cont.)

The Creative Curriculum is used in these programs providing a scope and sequence of skill development for teachers to follow assisting children to be ready for Kindergarten. Children who are 3 to 5 years of age can be enrolled if they have participated in a developmental screening. If a child is age eligible for Kindergarten they may **not** be enrolled in a Preschool for All program.

Address	Program/Time	Phone/Fax
Flanagan Elementary 202 E. Falcon Hwy. Flanagan, IL 61740	ECSE/PFA Blended	(P) 815/796-2261 (F) 815/796-2856
Flanagan Elementary 202 E. Falcon Hwy. Flanagan, IL 61740	PFA AM only	(P) 815/796-2261
Dwight Grade School 801 S. Columbia Dwight, IL 60420	ECSE	(P) 815/584-6230 (F) 815/584-3771
Dwight Grade School 801 S. Columbia Dwight, IL 60420	PFA	(P) 815/584-6249
Dwight Grade School 801 S. Columbia Dwight, IL 60420	PFA	(P) 815/584-6254
Odell Grade School 203 N. East St. Odell, IL 60460	ECSE/PFA Blended	(P) 815/998-2272 (F) 815/998-2619
Saunemin Grade School P. O. Box 290 Saunemin, IL 61769	ECSE/PFA AM only	(P) 815/832-4421 (F) 815/832-4435

Preschool for All Programs

Each district participates in an Illinois State Board of education grant funded Preschool for All program to serve children who demonstrate at-risk factors. These factors may include delays in development of academic readiness skills, communication skills, poverty, family trauma, medical issues, etc. These programs are five days per week with morning or afternoon sessions.

District	School(s)	Teacher
#74 Flanagan #426 Cornell #425 Graymont	Flanagan Cornell Graymont	Carissa Cunningham (Early Learning Team Leader) ccunningham@fc74.org
#74 Flanagan #426 Cornell #425 Graymont	Flanagan Cornell Graymont	Taylor Johnson tjohnson@fc74.org
#232 Dwight	Dwight	Suzanne Schall (Early Learning Team Leader) schalls@dwight.k12.il.us
#232 Dwight	Dwight	Amy Kargle karglea@dwight.k12.il.us
#232 Dwight	Dwight	Leslie Grieff grieffl@dwight.k12.il.us
#435 Odell	Odell	Jenna Schroen (Early Learning team Co-Leader with Judy Adams SLP) schroenj@odell.k12.il.us
#438 Saunemin	Saunemin	Lisa Heiser (Early Learning Team Leader) heiserl@maxwire.net

LIVINGSTON COUNTY LOCAL INTERAGENCY COUNCIL(LCLIC)

Coordinator: Kim Woolridge 217/778-6702

103 Country Fair Dr.
Champaign, IL 61821

Co-Chair: Melissa Pina 815/842-4508

OSF St. James JWA Medical Center
2500 W. Reynolds St.
Pontiac, IL 61764

Co-Chair: Laura Fiorini 815/844-3023

Pontiac Grade School District #429- Central School
117 W. Livingston St.
Pontiac, IL 61764

Meetings held at: Livingston County Special Services Unit

920 Custer Ave., Suite A
Pontiac, IL 61764
815/844-7115

The LCLIC advises and assists the CFC in the coordination of local people and resources necessary to implement a comprehensive service delivery system. Members include service providers, parents, local agency and school representatives. Meetings are held on a regular basis to identify and fill gaps in services and to develop strategies for public awareness, child find, provider recruitment and transition activities. The two major community activities the LCLIC sponsors are:

A free family activity is held in early June for children and their families who are receiving Special Education Services. Previous events have included: 1. A Picnic at the 4-H park with a free lunch, activities for the kids, and informational booths for the parents. 2. A Family Movie at a local theater with free soda and popcorn and goodie bags with educational toys and information from local agencies.

The Going, Giving, and Getting, the Extra Mile Conference is held in October each year. This free one day conference is for anyone living with or working with children Birth-6 years who have special needs. The GEM conference provides Speakers on current topics in education, health, family issues, etc. Informational booths and door prizes make the day informative and fun! Committee members come from various backgrounds such as teaching, nursing, child care, early intervention, etc. Each year a "theme" is carried out from costumes to decorations to break-out sessions. Almost everyone goes home with inspiration, information, and a door prize!

Early Learning Teams/Leaders

Member school districts within LCSSU have Early Learning Teams. These teams may include Parents, early Childhood Teachers, Speech Therapists, Psychologists, Social Workers, Program Supervisors, Occupational and/or Physical therapists. This team participates in Preschool screenings and global assessments for children 2 1/2 through 5 years of age. Generally a Preschool teacher or an Early Childhood Special Education Teacher leads this team and coordinates their activities.

District	School(s)	Teacher
#5 Woodland	Woodland	Christine Brown (Early Learning Team Leader) brownc@woodland5.org
#6J Tri-Point	Kempton	Jenn Corrigan corriganj@tripointschools.org
#6J Tri-Point	Piper City	Tonya Smith (Early Learning Team Leader) smitht@tripointschools.org
#8 Prairie Central	Chatsworth	Kelly Jones (Early Learning Team Leader) kjones@prairiecentral.org
#8 Prairie Central	Chatsworth	Jodee Ritter jritter@prairiecentral.org
#8 Prairie Central	Chenoa	Rachel Argueta (Early Learning Team Leader) rargueta@prairiecentral.org
#8 Prairie Central	Westview (Fairbury)	Amanda Andres (Early Learning Team Leader) aandres@prairiecentral.org
#8 Prairie Central	Westview (Fairbury)	Rachel Vercler rvercler@prairiecentral.org
#8 Prairie Central	Westview (Fairbury)	Ashley Richard (Early Learning Team Leader) arichard@prairiecentral.org

Early Childhood Special Education Programs

If a child from 2 1/2 through 5 years of age has participated in a Comprehensive evaluation and the Early Learning Team has determined a significant delay exists, they may need the intensive, individual programming offered in an ECSE program. Each district offers this intensive programming either in their neighborhood schools or a cooperating district. An individual Education Plan is written for each student and reviewed at least on time per year.

Address	Program/Time	Phone/Fax
Woodland Elementary 5800 E. 3000 N. Road Streator, IL 61364	ECSE/PFA AM & PM Blended	(P) 815/672-2909 Ext. 1301 (F) 815/673-1630
Tri-Point Elementary 101 E. Main St. Box 128 Kempton, IL 60946	ECSE/PFA AM & PM Blended	(P) 815/253-6299 Ext. 125 (F) 815/253-6298
Piper City Elementary 519 S. Margaret Box 158 Piper City, IL 60959	ECSE/PFA AM Blended PM ECSE only	(P) 815/686-2247 Ext. 216 (F) 815/686-2663
Chatsworth Elementary Box 816 Chatsworth, IL 60921	ECSE	(P) 815/635-3555 (F) 815/635-3429
Chatsworth Elementary Box 816 Chatsworth, IL 60921	PFA	(P) 815/635-3555
Chenoa Elementary 700 S. Division Chenoa, IL 61726	ECSE/PFA AM & PM Blended	(P) 815/945-2971 (F) 815/945-2068
Westview Grade School 600 S. First St. Fairbury, IL 61739	ECSE	(P) 815/692-2623 (F) 815/692-3726
Westview Grade School 600 S. First St. Fairbury, IL 61739	PFA	(P) 815/692-2623
Westview Grade School 600 S. First St. Fairbury, IL 61739	PFA PM only	(P) 815-692-2623