

2020-2021

**Directory of Services in
Livingston County
for Children**
(Birth to age 5)



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PONTIAC DISTRICT #429

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

Carrie Clodi

Special Needs Office
117 W. Livingston St.
Pontiac, IL 61764

815/844-5448

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.

CHILD & FAMILY CONNECTIONS (CFC)

201 W. Springfield Ave., Suite 508
Champaign, Illinois 61821
217/693-7958 or 1/800-877-1152 (referrals)
Lead Service Coordinators for Liv. Co.
Holly Wallace, 309/825-2379
Fax for referrals 217/693-7967

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.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY LOCAL INTERAGENCY COUNCIL (LCLIC)

Coordinator: Pam Moore
201 W. Springfield Ave., Suite 508
Champaign, IL 61821

Meetings held at 1:30 PM at: McLean County Unit 5 District Board Room
1809 W. Hovey Ave. Normal, IL (Sept, Jan, & May)
And at: First Lutheran Church
311 W. Grove St. Pontiac, IL (Nov & Mar)

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.

Livingston County Special Service Unit

And 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
Physical Therapy
Speech and Language Services
Preschool Screenings
Psychological Services
Social Work Services
Staff Development
Technical Assistance for Programs and Teachers
Transition Services

LCSSU Staff

Director of Special Education: Dr. Josh Olsen
Assistant Director: Tina Butterbrodt
Program Supervisors: Clark Reamer, Thomas Proctor, Kim Hughes, Chris King, Dr. Kristial Shelvin, Maria Deason, Jessica Stollard, Beth Anderson, Angie Geheber
School Nurse: Kym McKinley
School Psychologists: Dr. Sara Harris, Dr. Emily Morrow, Dr. Beth Casper, Mariah Brooks
School Social Workers: Maureen Drach, Becky Spencer, Tanya Bell, Shelli Mushro, Kate Fagan-Nelson,
Speech Therapists: Elizabeth Mester, Marcia Conlisk, Angela Riddle, Jessie Long, Kaitlin Schneider, Marissa Witsman, Delaney Killian, Shelbi Shumaker, Renee Moore-Adams
Occupational Therapists: Christine Stark, Sara Wright, Ali Perkins
Certified Occupational Therapist Assistants (COTA): Faye Clark, Diana Whalen, Kimber Edelman, Theresa Rafferty
Preschool Screening Coordinator: Kim Cox



Private Preschool & Child Care

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.

Karen Bruning, Executive Director
206 Stillwell
Bloomington, IL 61701
309/662-4880

EARLY HEAD START

Early Head Start for Livingston and McLean Counties

Call 309/662-4880 for an appointment or
Walk in applicants are welcome daily:
Monday—Friday: 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Please bring verification, child's birth certificate and copy of your child's medical card if available. Children do not need to be present to apply

County	Name	Location	Phone
LaSalle	"Holy Trinity Lutheran Preschool"	Streator	815/672-6240
LaSalle	"St. Michael the Archangel Preschool"	Streator	815/672-3847
LaSalle	"Streator Development Center" Child Care Center	Streator	815/672-4350
Livingston	"Faithful Friends" Preschool and Child Care	Fairbury	815/692-4425
Livingston	"Just Kiddin' Around" Child Care Center and Preschool"	Dwight	815/584-2400
Livingston	"Grace Christian Preschool"	Pontiac	815/419-2030
Livingston	"LACC Preschool"	Pontiac	815/844-6113
Livingston	"Noah's Ark Preschool"	Pontiac	815/842-2625
Livingston	"St. Paul's Preschool"	Odell	815/998-2194
McLean	"HIS Kids" Preschool	Chenoa	815/945-5331
McLean	"Little Lambs" Preschool	Gridley	309/310-7186
McLean	"St. Paul Lutheran Preschool"	Lexington	309/365-5200
Woodford	"Stepping Stones Daycare"	El Paso	309/527-5437

Transition & Planning

Birth to Age 5

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 27 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 pages 6&7) comes together to discuss the child's needs. Members of this ELT must include: the Parent, School District Representative, and Assessment team member(s). It may also include Service Coordinator from Early Intervention (EI), Program Supervisor, Therapists, Child Care provider, PFA and/or ECSE 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 EI 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 PFA (at-risk) program
2. Speech/Language Therapy
3. Occupational/Physical Therapy as a related service
4. ECSE
5. Dual enrollment in PFA, ECSE, 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 specialized and intensive instruction and, therefore, may attend programs in neighboring school districts or specialized schools.

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 (Paused due to COVID-19)

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.

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 (ELT) 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 (IEP) is written for each student and reviewed at least one time per year

PFA/ECSE Programs

School/District Fax	Teacher Email/Phone	Address
Woodland #5 (F)815/673-1630	Christine Brown brownc@woodland5.net (P)815/672-2909 X1301	Woodland Elementary 5800 E. 3000 N. Road Streator, IL 61364
Tri-Point #6J Kempton (F)815/253-6298	Aimee Wright wrighta@tripointschools.org (P)815/253-6299 X125	Tri-Point Elementary 101 E. Main St. Box 128 Kempton, IL 60946
Tri-Point #6J Piper City (F)815/686-2663	Kristie Weller wellerk@tripointschool.org (P)815/686-2247 X216	Piper City Elementary 519 S. Margaret Box 158 Piper City, IL 60959
Prairie Central #8 Chatsworth East (F)815/635-3429	Mindy Cavaness mcavaness@prairiecentral.org (P)815/635-3555	Prairie Central Primary East Box 816 Chatsworth, IL 60921
Prairie Central #8 Chatsworth East	Rachel Argueta rargueta@prairiecentral.org (P)815/635-3555	Prairie Central Primary East Box 816 Chatsworth, IL 60921
Prairie Central #8 Chatsworth East Chenoa West	Morgan Ringle mringle@prairiecentral.org (P)815/635-3555	Prairie Central Primary East Box 816 Chatsworth, IL 60921
Prairie Central #8 Chenoa West (F)815/945-2068	Ashley Richard arichard@prairiecentral.org (P)815/945-2971	Prairie Central Primary West 700 S. Division Chenoa, IL 61726
Prairie Central #8 Chenoa West	Rachel Bond rbond@prairiecentral.org (P)815/945-2971	Prairie Central Primary West 700 S. Division Chenoa, IL 61726

Preschool for All Programs

Each district participants in an Illinois State Board of Education grant funded Preschool for All (PFA) 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 and afternoon sessions. 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.

PFA/ECSE Programs Continued

School/District Fax	Teacher Email/Phone	Address
Flanagan #74 Cornell #426 Graymont #425 (F)815/796-2856	Brittany Bejster bbejster@fc74.org (P)815/796-2261	Flanagan Elementary 202 E. Falcon Hwy. Flanagan, IL 61740
Flanagan #74 Cornell #426 Graymont #425 (F)815/796-2856	Danielle Donovan ddonovan@fc74.org (P)815/796-2261	Flanagan Elementary 202 E. Falcon Hwy. Flanagan, IL 61740
Dwight #232 (F)815/584-3771	Suzanne Schall schalls@dwight.k12.il.us (P)815/584-6249	Dwight Grade School 801 S. Columbia Dwight, IL 60420
Dwight #232	Amy Kargle karglea@dwight.k12.il.us (P)815/584-6278	Dwight Grade School 801 S. Columbia Dwight, IL 60420
Dwight #232	Jana Kinkin kinkin@dwight.k12.il.us (P)815/584-6254	Dwight Grade School 801 S. Columbia Dwight, IL 60420
Odell #435 (F)815/998-2619	Jenna Schroen schroenJ@odell.k12.il.us (P)815/998-2272	Odell Grade School 203 N. East St. Odell, IL 60460
Saunemin #438 (F)815/832-4435	Lisa Heiser heiserl@saunemin.org (P)815/832-4421	Saunemin Grade School P. O. Box 290 Saunemin, IL 61769