

A user-friendly GUIDE TO

Literacy

FOR FAMILIES in Macomb County



About This Book

This *Small Book* is designed to assist families in locating free or low-cost community services in Macomb County and is designed to be user-friendly.

The book first lists a "SITUATION" followed by a short descriptive phrase about each of the known services listed for that situation, an explanation of the services and eligibility requirements (if applicable), and finally, the telephone number for the service.

This book lists services by a service category, not by agency. This helps to speed the finding of needed services. For the most part, only Macomb County resources are listed. Exceptions to this are out-of-county resources included if a Macomb County facility is filled or county or state services that may be accessed in Macomb County.

To aid you in your use of this book, you will notice the following format: Each "*Situation*" is enclosed in a black box to differentiate it from other situations.

The symbol (~) is placed in front of each new service under that category. All known services for a situation are grouped under it regardless of what agency offers those services.

As names of agencies and programs frequently change, please note that the former name is indicated in brackets { }.

Every effort has been made to assure that the information is up-to-date and accurate. Due to the dynamic nature of organizations, information changes often.

We hope that you enjoy this resource and that you are able to locate help more quickly. For your information, *Small Books* are available on the following topics:

Adoption	Literacy
Child Abuse	Mental Health
Child Care	Parenting
Dementia	Recreation/Leisure
Dental	Runaway Services
Domestic Violence	Senior Citizen Services
Employment & Training Services	Sexual Assault
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	Special Needs
Financial Assistance	Substance Abuse
Food	Suicide Prevention
Gambling Addiction/Problems	Support Groups
Resources	Teen Pregnancy Service
Health	Transportation
Homeless Services	Utility Assistance
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LITERACY SERVICES

SITUATION: A youth needs to learn to read and write.

Elementary, Middle School and High School public education is available through 21 Macomb County school districts to prepare youth for advanced education or the work place.

The following service is also available which provides additional assistance to eligible students:

- ❖ **In-school Individualized Instruction** is available free in some Macomb County schools to youth 14 to 21 years who are at risk of dropping out of school. Services include individualized instruction for students who are deficient in reading and math. Students must meet income guidelines. Contact your local high school counselor.

SITUATION: A person over age 18 and not attending a K – 12 school is having trouble reading, writing or speaking English.

- ❖ **Free trained volunteer reading tutors** are matched one-on-one with persons over the age of 18 who have trouble with reading (reading a newspaper, understanding directions on a prescription, filling out an application, etc.), or anyone who is learning to speak, read and write English. Days, times and places for the help is negotiable. Available from Macomb Literacy Partners, (586) 286-2750.

SITUATION: A family needs literacy skills.

- ❖ **GED preparation and basic education for adults and a homework club for children** is available for Macomb County families. Other services include: early childhood education, parenting workshops, English as a Second Language and home visits by a trained Family Services worker. Available from the Leaps and Bounds Family Literacy Center at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Warren. For more information, call Leaps and Bounds at (586) 759-3895.

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For the complete Resource Directory, please go to www.misd.net/connection





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age birth to 5 years, please call:

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