

# Choteau County Resource Guide

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## Child Services

### **CASA of Hill County**

2229 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Havre, MT 59501

406-265-6743 ext. 1135

[casa@hrdc4.org](mailto:casa@hrdc4.org)

*CASA consists of volunteers who advocate for children who have been removed from their homes for allegation of abuse and neglect.*

### **Child and Family Services**

1020 13<sup>th</sup> St, Fort Benton, MT 59442

406-622-5414

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/CFSD>

*The Department of Child and Family Services is the office that investigates and provides protective services to children who are abused or neglected. Their mission is to keep children safe and families strong. They also may provide assistance in referring families to support services to help preserve the family unit.*

### **Child Care Licensing**

College Park Center 2300 12<sup>th</sup> Ave South, Ste 216, Box 6, Great Falls, MT 59405

406-453-0526

*Regulates and monitors child care facility licensing and registration. Surveys facilities and investigates complaints.*

### **Child Support Enforcement Division**

201 1<sup>st</sup> St South, Ste 1A, Great Falls, MT 59405

406-727-7449

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/CSSED>

*The division provides federally mandated child support enforcement services. These include locating absent parents; establishing paternity; establishing financial and medical support orders; enforcing current and past due child support; offering medical and spousal support; and modifying child support orders.*

### **Family Connections MT**

202 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave S, Suite 201, Great Falls, MT 59405

406-761-6010 or 800-696-4503

<https://familyconnectionsmt.org/>

*Family Connections makes referrals for a number of child care organizations.*

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## Disability Services

### Blind and Low Vision Services

201 1<sup>st</sup> St S, Ste 2, Great Falls, MT 59405  
 1 (888) 279-7527 (toll-free consumer line)  
 (406) 454-6060 (voice)

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/detd/blvs>

*Blind and Low Vision Services provides services to assist individuals in finding or maintaining employment, learning to live with low vision or blindness, and increasing independence.*

### Development Disability Program

Region II Office  
 201 First Street South, Suite #3, Great Falls, MT 59405  
 (406) 454-6085

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/dsd/developmentaldisabilities>

*The organization ensures that quality care providers meet state and federal regulations when providing services to people with disabilities.*

### Disability Rights Montana

1022 Chesnut Street Helena, MT 59601  
 (406)449-2344 (voice)  
 (800)245-4743 (toll free)

<http://disabilityrightsmt.org/>

*Disability Rights Montana is the federally-mandated civil rights protection and advocacy system for all of Montana. We have the legal authority to represent almost any person with a disability.*

### Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services

201 First Street South, Suite #3, Great Falls, MT 59405  
 (406) 454-6060 (voice)  
 (888)279-7527 (toll-free)

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/detd/vocrehab>

*Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services combines the general and the blind vocational rehabilitation programs in a single unit in order to maximize access to in-demand and high-quality careers by Montanans with disabilities seeking dignity through choice, integration, and self-reliance.*

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## Financial Services

### **Big Sandy Chamber of Commerce**

PO Box 411, Big Sandy, MT 59520

(406) 378-2418

<http://www.bigsandymontana.com/chamber.html>

*The Big Sandy Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture is dedicated to promoting local farms and businesses and improving our lovely rural community.*

### **Chouteau County Office of Public Assistance**

1020 13<sup>th</sup> St, PO Box 459, Fort Benton, MT 59442

(406)622-5432

<http://www.co.chouteau.mt.us/pages/des.htm>

*Provides economic and medical assistance to those in need due to lack of income or employment*

### **Fort Benton Chamber of Commerce**

PO Box 12, Fort Benton, MT 59442

(406) 622-3864

<http://www.fortbentonchamber.org/>

*The Fort Benton Chamber of Commerce is a community organization whose goal is to promote, stimulate, increase, and improve business conditions, and to build a better community through positive participation and involvement.*

## Food Services

### **Chouteau County Food Bank**

PO Box 459 1020 13<sup>th</sup> St, Fort Benton, MT 59442

(406) 622-5433

*Choteau County Food Bank is a Food Pantry, but is also connected to the Office of Public Assistance.*

*Hours: 8-5 Monday – Friday.*

## Health Services

### **Alcoholics Anonymous, Area 40 Montana**

1-888-607-2000

<https://www.aa-montana.org/index.php>

*ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS® is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience,*

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*strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.*

## **Chouteau County Health Department**

1020 13<sup>th</sup> St, Fort Benton, MT 59442

(406) 622-3771

<http://www.co.chouteau.mt.us/health/>

*Provides immunizations, flu shots, new mom and baby visits, health education and more.*

## **Chouteau County Mental Health Service**

1020 13<sup>th</sup> St, Fort Benton, MT 59442

(406) 622-5414

*The Mental Health and Services Division develops, mobilizes and manages resources for mental health services to residents of Chouteau County. The Division is responsible for providing or contracting for a continuum of counseling services, assessment and referral to adults, adolescents and children with mental health issues. The Division facilitates access and authorizes reimbursement to providers*

## Housing Services

### **Chippewa Cree Housing Authority**

75 Laredo Rd, Box Elder, MT 59521

(406) 395-4370

*The Housing Authority creates affordable housing opportunities for Montanans whose needs are not met by the market.*

## Legal Services

### **Chouteau County Attorney**

1309 Franklin St, Fort Benton, MT 59442

(406) 622-3246

*The Chouteau County Attorney, Stephan Gannon, is an elected official who serves as both the public prosecutor for the State of Montana and as the legal advisor for all county officials within Chouteau County. The County Attorney's office is divided into two divisions: Criminal and Civil.*

### **Chouteau County Courthouse**

1308 Franklin St, Fort Benton, MT 59442

(406) 622-5024

*The Clerk of Court is Rick Cook*

*Hours: Monday – Friday 8 to 5*

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## **Chouteau County Justice of the Peace**

1215 Washington, Fort Benton, MT 59442

(406) 622-5502

*The County Justice of the Peace is Susan Spencer*

## **Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA)**

616 Helena Ave, Ste 100 Helena, MT 59601

(800)666-6899

<http://www.mtlsa.org/>

*Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA) is a law firm that empowers low-income people by providing legal information, advice, and other services free of charge. MLSA works both on individual cases and under a systemic approach to help low-income people escape domestic violence, keep their housing, preserve their public benefits, protect their finances, and more.*

## **Self Help Law Center – Cascade County (Serves Chouteau County)**

13 6<sup>th</sup> St South Great Falls, MT 59401

(406)205-0347

<http://courts.mt.gov/selfhelp/ne-region>

*The Court Help Program is a free service provided by the Montana Supreme Court to assist people with civil, non-criminal legal problems. Our goal is to give you the information you need to understand your legal rights and responsibilities and to help you resolve your legal problems on your own if you cannot afford an attorney or if you choose not to hire one.*

**Hours:** Monday: 9 am - 5 pm

Tuesday 9 am - 5 pm

Wednesday 9 am - 5 pm & 6 - 7 pm at the YWCA

Thursday 9 am - 5 pm

Closed Friday

## Senior Services

### **Adult Protective Services**

201 1<sup>st</sup> St S Ste 3, Great Falls, MT 59405

(406) 268-7960

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/SLTC/APS>

*Adult Protective Services Specialists help to protect vulnerable adults from abuse, neglect and exploitation. They help end abuse by matching the needs of the person, with community*

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*partners in their area. Partners like mental health, public health, law enforcement, the courts, the aging network, community groups and the public.*

## **Area III Agency on Aging**

North Central AAA, 311 S Virginia St, Ste 2, Conrad, MT 59425

(406) 271-7553

*Montana's Area Agencies on Aging are public or private non-profit agencies, designated by the Aging Services Bureau, to address the needs and concerns of older Montanans at the local level.*

## **Big Sandy Senior Center**

166 Johannes Ave, Big Sandy, MT 59520

(406)378-2405

*Offer meals for a reasonable price and delivery at no charge.*

*Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm.*

## **Geraldine Senior Center**

420 Main Street, Geraldine, MT 59446

(406)737-4362

## **Golden Age Center**

1410 Front St #A, Fort Benton, MT 59442

(406)622-3601

*Open 7 days a week has daily lunches and hosts bingo, dinner and pinochle parties.*

## **Veteran's Services**

### **American Legion: Big Sandy Post 50**

(406) 378-2271

*Organizes commemorative events, lobbies on behalf of veterans, and provides veteran assistance.*

### **American Legion: Fort Benton Post 26**

711 21<sup>st</sup> St Fort Benton, MT 59442

(406) 622-5556

*Organizes commemorative events, lobbies on behalf of veterans, and provides veteran assistance.*

## **Montana Veterans Affairs**

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(406) 265-4225 (Havre)

(406)452-2265 (Great Falls)

*A statewide network of service for discharged veterans and their families that provides services and assistance for all Montana veterans, and surviving spouses and dependents in coordination with associated federal and state agencies, veterans' services organizations, private organizations and individuals.*

## **Veteran Crisis Hotline**

1-800-273-8255

[www.veterancrisisline.net](http://www.veterancrisisline.net)

## Women's Services

### **Hi-Line's Help for Abused Spouses**

300 North Virginia, Ste 307, Conrad, MT 59425

(406)278-3342 (Office)

1-800-219-7336 (Crisis Line)

<http://www.hlhas.com/>

*Services include a 24 hour Crisis Line, one-on-one advocacy, child advocacy, victim witness services and an informational referral network.*

## Other Services

### **Boys and Girls Club of the Hi-Line**

500 1<sup>st</sup> Ave Havre, MT 59501

(406)265-2606

<http://www.bgchi-line.net/home>

*As the premier youth development program of the Hi-Line, we strive to enable all young people, especially those who need us most to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens.*

### **Chouteau County Extension Office - MSU**

PO Box 459 Fort Benton, MT 59442

(406)622-3751

<http://www.msuextension.org/chouteau/>

*Provides unbiased research-based education and information that integrates learning, discovery and engagement to strengthen the social, economic and environmental well-being of individuals, families, and communities.*

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## **Chouteau County Disaster and Emergency Services**

(406)622-3027

(406)622-3022

<http://www.co.chouteau.mt.us/pages/des.htm>

*Emergency Management is the organized analysis, planning, decision making and assignment of available resources to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the effects of all hazards. The goal of emergency management is to save lives, prevent injuries, protect property, and the environment if an emergency occurs.*

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