FAMmLY STABILITY
Covering Kids & Families
Certified Indiana Navigators provide free help enrolling in, using, and maintaining Medicaid, Hoosier Healthwise, the Healthy Indiana Plan, and the Health Insurance Marketplace. Navigators assist with completing the application and guiding consumers through signing up for and using health coverage.

Energy Assistance
Brightpoint’s Energy Assistance Program (EAP) helps pay a portion of an individual or family’s winter heating bills. Summer cooling provides a one-time credit on the electric bill when funding is available.

Supportive Housing
Brightpoint provides rental subsidy payments for low-income households. Some rental assistance is specifically designated for individuals who suffer from severe mental illness, substance abuse, and/or HIV.

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Housing Solutions
Brightpoint assists individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Participants receive comprehensive, holistic case management, as well as some financial assistance to stabilize housing.

Supportive Services for Veteran Families—SSVF
Designed to assist veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, SSVF helps veteran families locate stable housing, obtain financial assistance for housing-related costs, and access comprehensive, holistic case management.

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Early Head Start
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Head Start
A comprehensive, center-based preschool program that provides education, health, nutrition, and other social services for low-income children (including those with special needs) and their families. Half-day and full-day classes are available for children ages 3–5.

JAG–Youth Program
Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG) is dedicated to keeping young people in school through graduation and providing entry into post-secondary education or employment. Juniors and seniors in high school participate in a school-to-career program and one year of follow-up counseling after graduation. Northeast Indiana Works, the region’s nonprofit workforce investment board, provides oversight and funding for Brightpoint’s JAG program.

On My Way Pre-K
On My Way Pre-K awards grants to 4 year olds from low-income families so that they may have access to a high-quality pre-K program the year before they begin kindergarten. Families who receive a grant may use the grant at any approved On My Way Pre-K program.

HEAD START LOCATIONS:
ADMINISTRATION (main Brightpoint office)
(260) 420-2833 or (800) 589-3506

ALLEN COUNTY
HEAD START CENTERS:
Abundant Life
(260) 377-1760
3301 E Coliseum Blvd
Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Anthony Boulevard
(260) 949-0212
7910 S Anthony Blvd
Fort Wayne, IN 46816

East Wayne Street
(260) 422-6403
825 Francis St
Fort Wayne, IN 46803

Hanna-Creighton
(260) 456-1576
2107 Hanna St
Fort Wayne, IN 46803

Reed Street
(260) 888-2029
2820 Reed St
Fort Wayne, IN 46806

The Temple
(260) 745-5001 or 745-3072
5200 Old Mill Rd
Fort Wayne, IN 46807

NOBLE COUNTY
HEAD START CENTERS:
Kendallville
(260) 349-9092
373 N Allen Chapel Rd
Kendallville, IN 46755

Ligonier
(260) 894-7431
466 Townline Rd
Ligonier, IN 46767

WHITLEY COUNTY
HEAD START CENTER:
Columbia City
(260) 244-2737
3420 S Governors Rd
Columbia City, IN 46725
WHY BRIGHTPOINT?
Since 1965, Brightpoint has been helping communities, families, and individuals remove the causes and conditions of poverty. We are a local nonprofit organization that provides resources, helps people gain access to opportunities, and teaches them the skills they need to move into a brighter future.

WHAT AREA DOES BRIGHTPOINT COVER?
Our official service area is Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Elkhart, Fulton, Grant, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Marshall, Noble, Pulaski, St. Joseph, Starks, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley counties. However, not all programs and services are available in all these counties. Check our website, mybrightpoint.org, to see availability of services in your area or call Brightpoint for more information.

IS THERE A COST?
Most of our programs are free or low-cost; however, each program has specific income limits and other requirements. Please call us or check online for more details.

LOCAL OFFICES as of January 2020
For all locations call: (260) 423-3546 or (800) 589-3506
Appointment line: (800) 589-2264
TTY: (260) 203-3604
227 E. Washington Blvd  |  Fort Wayne, Indiana  46802
(260) 423-3546 |  www.mybrightpoint.org

COMMUNITY
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT
Poverty Simulation
This unique awareness event involves 40 – 80 participants who take on family member roles in 26 different families, all facing challenging but typical circumstances in the lives of people facing poverty.

Contact us to see about bringing this experience to your community, business, school, or organization.

Small Business Loans – Offers loans for all levels of businesses as well as assistance to small business owners through a range of business development services and access to business financing. U.S. Small Business Administration Microloan and U.S. Dept. of the Treasury Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI).

Financial Education – Teaches financial basics about saving and budgeting, the banking system, credit, and strategies to improve financial health. Housing counseling and homebuyer education are also available.

Housing Rehabilitation & Development – Brightpoint assesses the housing needs of communities and looks for opportunities for new developments. We also conduct single-site purchases, rehabilitation, and resale of homes to low-income families.

Community Loan Center™ of Northeast Indiana – Offers affordable small dollar loans to employees whose employers have signed up for the program through the Brightpoint Development Fund. There is no direct cost to the employer to offer this benefit which provides an alternative to payday lenders.

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