## FAMILIES

## **FAMILY 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.

## **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.

All Brightpoint services are provided without regard to race, age, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, ancestry, or status as a veteran.



## **FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY**

#### **Child Care Assistance**

This service helps families afford quality child care for children younger than 13. Parents must be working, going to school, or receiving job training to qualify.

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

## **Family Development**

This home visitation program helps families move from poverty to self-sufficiency. Through holistic, in-home services, Family Development helps families use their strengths to set and accomplish goals.

## **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.

#### Weatherization

Offers a home energy audit and energy efficiency upgrades to residential dwellings. Services are available to renters and homeowners.

## CHILD & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

## **Early Head Start**

This home-based program works with pregnant women and young children up to age 3. The emphasis is on a healthy pregnancy, child development, education, family self-sufficiency, parenting skills, and a smooth transition into preschool.

#### **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.





## **HEAD START LOCATIONS:**

ADMINISTRATION (main Brightpoint office)

(260) 420-2833 or (800) 589-3506

#### **ALLEN COUNTY**

#### **Abundant Life**

(260) 373-1760 3301 E Coliseum Blvd Fort Wayne, IN 46805

#### Anthony

(260) 969-0212 7910 S Anthony Blvd Fort Wayne, IN 46816

#### **East Wavne**

(260) 422-6503 825 Francis St Fort Wayne, IN 46803

#### Hanna-Creighton

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

## Reed

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

#### Temple

(260) 745-5001 5200 Old Mill Rd Fort Wayne, IN 46807

#### **DEKALB COUNTY**

#### Butler

(260) 868-5589 1025 S. Broadway St. Butler, IN 46721

#### Garrett

(260) 357-3333 504 S. Second St. Garrett, IN 46738

#### Waterloo

(260) 837-4211 300 S. Washington St. Waterloo, IN 46793

#### NOBLE COUNTY Kendallville

(260) 349-9092 351 N Allen Chapel Rd Kendallville, IN 46755

## WHITLEY COUNTY Columbia City

(260) 244-2737 1340 S Governors Rd Columbia City, IN 46725

**See back panel** for information about Brightpoint's service area and office locations.

#### 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, Grant, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, St. Joseph, 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 October 2021

For all locations call: (260) 423-3546 or (800) 589-3506 **Appointment line:** (800) 589-2264

**TTY:** (260) 203-3604

## Allen County (Main Office)

**227** E Washington Blvd PO Box 10570 Fort Wayne, IN 46853-0570

#### **DeKalb County**

209 N Jackson St Auburn, IN 46706-2048

#### **Kosciusko County**

1515 Provident Dr, Ste 270 Warsaw, IN 46580-3003

## Noble County

119 W Mitchell St Kendallville, IN 46755-1775

## St. Joseph County

220 W Colfax Ave, Ste 150 South Bend IN 46601-1634

## **Steuben County**

905 S Wayne St Angola, IN 46703-2600

## **Wells County**

206 N Main St, Ste 3 Bluffton, IN 46714-2068

#### **Whitley County**

885 W Connexion Way, Ste 200 Columbia City, IN 46725-1130



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# 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.



Enterprise Pointe: A multi-family affordable housing community targeting artists and creative entrepreneurs in Angola, Indiana.

















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 Microlender 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.



