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FOR

BLUE EARTH

AND NICOLLET

COUNTIES

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INTRODUCTION

This directory is a listing of resources for youth in Blue Earth and Nicollet counties. Due to limited space, not all agencies in these counties are listed. A listing is not intended as an endorsement, nor is not being listed intended as disapproval.

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For more information on area resources, contact United Way 2-1-1 at 211 or 1-800-543-7709, or on-line at www.211.org. You can also find resources at minnesotahelp.info.

If you have any suggestions, comments, changes, or need additional copies contact the South Central WorkForce Council at 507-345-2418.

This directory is also available online at www.workforcecouncil.org/youth-council/projects/youth-directories/

CHILD CARE

Selecting a child care provider is a very important decision. As a parent, it is important to you that your child is in a safe, nurturing environment when you are away. Visit and interview your potential provider and don't be afraid to ask questions. During your interview discuss issues such as discipline, daily schedules, pickup time flexibility, payment arrangements, etc. It is also suggested that you get the names and phone numbers of at least two parents currently using the provider. Call them and ask about their experiences with the provider. Also, your county social services office is a resource in checking out potential child care providers.

For more information on child care contact:

Blue Earth Co. Human Services..... 507-304-4222
410 S. Fifth Street
Mankato, MN 56001

Child Care Aware..... 1-855-588-2055
101 N. 2nd St., Suite 105
Mankato, MN 56001

Nicollet County Social Services..... 507-387-4556
2070 Howard Dr.
North Mankato, MN 56003

Nicollet County Social Services..... 507-934-8559
108 S. Minnesota Ave., Suite 200
St. Peter, MN 56082

Child Care - Centers

Care Corner..... 507-386-7444
265 St. Andrews Dr.
Mankato, MN 56001

Child Care Center of Mapleton..... 507-524-4541
604 Main Street E
Mapleton, MN 56065

Children's House..... 507-389-1645
Minnesota State University - Mankato
150 Wiecking Center
Mankato, MN 56001

Childs Planet Early Learning Center 507-345-8833
103 Homestead Dr.
Mankato, MN 56001

Epiphany Preschool..... 507-257-3156
605 Parkway Ave. P.O. Box 188
Eagle Lake, MN 56024

Child Care - Centers (cont.)

- Giggles-n-Wiggles Daycare Center..... 507-345-5437**
1720 Bassett Dr. P.O. Box 4205
Mankato, MN 56001
- Kid's Corner 507-934-1002**
600 S. 5th Street –Room 106
St. Peter, MN 56082
- Lil' Bees Learning Center 507-720-6441**
1821 Bassett Drive, Suite 103
Mankato, MN 56001
- Little Saints Day Care..... 507-243-3010**
605 4th St.
Madison Lake, MN 56063
- Little Stars Early Learning Center..... 507-625-2141**
115 S. 2nd Street
Mankato, MN 56001
- Our Little World Daycare 507-344-0021**
201 N. Victory Drive, Suite 341
Mankato, MN 56001

- Pemberton Academic Learning Services, Inc..... 507-869-3353**
143 4th Street
Pemberton, MN 56078
- Pitter Patters Early Learning Center..... 507-995-5451**
608 Walnut St.
Madison Lake, MN 56063
- Robyn's Nest..... 507-388-8595**
1759 Commerce Drive
North Mankato, MN 56003
- Sam & Abes Childcare Learning and Dev. Center. 507-345-1451**
160 St. Andrews Ct., Suite 100
Mankato, MN 56001
- St. John's Lutheran Day Care..... 507-278-3635**
137 Houk Street
Good Thunder, MN 56037
- St. Peter Community Childcare Center, Inc. 507-934-3606**
600 South 5th St. Suite 125
St. Peter, MN 56082
- Wellcome Kids 507-546-3295**
114 W. Pleasant Street
Garden City, MN 56034

COUNSELING

If you feel good about yourself and others, your mental health is pretty good. Remember, though, that you may not feel good all of the time. No one does. Everyone has uncomfortable or angry feelings about things going on in their lives. If you experience these kinds of feelings much or most of the time, you may want to contact a counselor.

When do I need counseling?

If things you are feeling or doing begin to interfere with your normal everyday activities, you may need counseling. The following can be warning signs that someone may need counseling:

- Sudden changes in mood or behavior
- Depression-feeling unhappy for a long time
- Anxiety-strong feelings of fear or nervousness, unexplained rapid breathing or heartbeat, knotted stomach
- Losing temper over small things
- Physical aches and pains that have no real physical cause
- Dropping grades
- Difficulty sleeping for many nights
- Excessive use of drugs, alcohol, cigarettes
- Can only think of the problem and nothing else
- Can't eat or feel sick when you do eat

Many counselors charge fees, but some will adjust their fees to what you and your family can afford to pay. With so many options, finding the right

counselor can be difficult, but there are knowledgeable people to guide you. Talk to your school nurse, guidance counselor or social worker.

For more information on counseling contact:

Counseling - Chemical Dependency

Adolescent Treatment Center of Winnebago 1-800-637-2460

620 1st Avenue SW

P.O. Box 278

Winnebago, MN 56098

Addiction Recovery Technologies 507-345-4670

12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 2116

Mankato, MN 56001

Blue Earth County Human Services 507-304-4222

410 S. Fifth Street

Mankato, MN 56001

Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation 651-213-4200

15251 Pleasant Valley Road

1-800-257-7810

Center City, MN 55012

Mayo Clinic Health System - Fountain Centers 507-625-3372

1400 Madison Ave. Suite 326

Mankato, MN 56001

Counseling - Chemical Dependency (cont.)

Nicollet County Social Services..... 507-934-8559
108 S. Minnesota Avenue, Suite 200
St. Peter, MN 56082

Wellcome Manor Family Services..... 507-546-3295
114 W. Pleasant Street
Garden City, MN 56034

Counseling and Mental Health

Adult, Child and Family Services, LLC..... 507-387-3777
103 N. Broad Street
Mankato, MN 56001

Blue Earth County Mental Health Center 507-304-4319
410 S. Fifth St.
Mankato, MN 56001

Catholic Charities..... 507-387-5586
101 N. 2nd St., Suite 106
Mankato, MN 56001

Cornerstone Christian Counseling..... 507-354-1147
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
304 Monroe Avenue, P.O. Box 424
North Mankato, MN 56003

Counseling Services of Southern MN 507-931-8040
1306 Marshall Street
St. Peter, MN 56082

Leo A. Hoffmann Center, Inc..... 507-934-6122
1715 Sheppard Drive, P.O. Box 60
St. Peter, MN 56082

Lutheran Social Service..... 507-625-7660
710 S. 2nd Street
Mankato, MN 56001

Mankato Clinic-Madison East..... 507-387-3195
Psychiatry & Psychology
1400 Madison Avenue, Ste. 352
Mankato, MN 56001

Mankato Psychology Clinic 507-387-1350
209 S. Second Street, Suite 306
Mankato, MN 56001

Mayo Clinic Health System..... 507-385-2620
Behavior Health Center
1025 Marsh Street
Mankato, MN 56001

Counseling and Mental Health (cont.)

Mayo Clinic Health System-Eastridge Clinic 507-385-6500
101 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. (appointments) 1-877-412-7575
Mankato, MN 56001

Philip Psychological Clinic..... 507-345-5049
526 S. Second Street, Suite 3
Mankato, MN 56001

Riverview Clinic..... 507-625-4060
600 Reed Street
Mankato, MN 56001

Sioux Trails Mental Health Center..... 507-388-3181
342 Belgrade Avenue 24 hr. Crisis Line 1-800-247-2809
N. Mankato, MN 56003

Sioux Trails Mental Health Center..... 507-934-2652
1301 Marshall Street 24 hr. Crisis Line 1-800-247-2809
St. Peter, MN 56082

South Central Crisis Center/Mobile Team 507-344-0621 (info)
521 Pfau Street 1-877-399-3040 (crisis)
Mankato, MN 56001

Counseling - Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault

Committee Against Domestic Abuse –CADA..... 507-625-8688
100 Stadium Court **Crisis Line 1-800-477-0466**
P.O. Box 466
Mankato, MN 56001

Counseling - Financial

Catholic Charities 507-387-5586
101 N. 2nd St., Suite 106
Mankato, MN 56001

Lutheran Social Service..... 507-625-7660
710 S. 2nd Street
Mankato, MN 56001

University of MN Extension–Regional..... 507-389-6714
1961 Premier Drive, Suite 110
Mankato, MN 56001

University of MN Extension-Nicollet County 507-934-7828
501 S Minnesota Avenue
St. Peter, MN 56082

Counseling - Gambling

Lutheran Social Service..... 507-625-7660
710 S. 2nd Street
Mankato, MN 56001

Minnesota Gambling Hotline1-800-333-HOPE

Counseling - Legal

Southern MN Regional Legal Services..... 507-387-5588
12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 3000 1-800-247-2299
Mankato, MN 56001

Counseling - Pregnancy/Parenting

Birthright of Mankato 507-387-7818
National Hotline 1-800-550-4900
330 Stadium Road, Suite 201B
Mankato, MN 56001

Catholic Charities 507-387-5586
101 N. 2nd St., Suite 106 1-800-222-5859
Mankato, MN 56001

Early Childhood Family Education 507-524-3918
101 6th Avenue NE x101
P.O. Box 515
Mapleton, MN 56065

Early Childhood Family Education –Mankato..... 507-625-4620
110 Fulton Street
Mankato, MN 56001

Help Me Grow Program..... 507-207-4200
1610 Commerce Drive
N. Mankato, MN 56003

Lutheran Social Service..... 507-625-7660
710 S. 2nd Street
Mankato, MN 56001

MN Valley Education District..... 507-934-5420
801 Davis Street
St. Peter, MN 56082

Nicollet County Public Health 507-934-7220
501 S. Minnesota Avenue
St. Peter, MN 56082

Planned Parenthood of MN/ND/SD 507-387-5581
Belle Mar Center 1-800-230-7526
201 N. Victory Dr., Suite 211
Mankato, MN 56001

Counseling - Pregnancy/Parenting (cont.)

Teenage Pregnancy & Parenting Program (TAPP) 507-387-3047
110 Fulton St.
Mankato, MN 56001

Counseling - Suicide Prevention

Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention..... 507-387-5020
SC MN Crisis Line 1-800-865-0606
National Crisis Line 1-800-784-2433

South Central Crisis Center Warm/Crisis Line 1-877-399-3040

Counseling - Support Groups

Check with your local hospital for support groups for specific illnesses.

Alcoholics Anonymous - District 9 507-388-8989

Alcoholics Anonymous..... 507-934-4786
Trinity Lutheran Church
511 South 5th Street
St. Peter, MN 56082

Arc of Minnesota Southwest 507-345-4223
709 S. Front, Suite 3
Mankato, MN 56001
(Individuals with disabilities)

Codependents Anonymous 507-387-2160
First Presbyterian Church
220 E Hickory Street
Mankato, MN 56001

LGBT Center 507-389-5131
MSU – Mankato
CSU 194
Mankato, MN 56001
(Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender concerns)

Life-Work Planning Center 507-345-1577
201 N. Broad Street, Suite 100
Mankato, MN 56001
(Women in transition - personal growth & career development)

Mayo Clinic Health System
Support Group Programs 507-385-2691

Counseling - Support Groups (cont.)

**Mayo Clinic Health System
Cancer Support Group..... 507-385-5725
1025 Marsh Street
Mankato, MN 56001**

**Minnesota Brain Injury Force 507-228-8161
www.mnbif.org**

**NAMI 507-317-3595
National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
P.O. Box 1175
Mankato, MN 56001**

**Nicollet Sexual Assault Services 1-800-630-1425
24 Hour Safe Line**

**Wellbeing Center 507-933-7607
Gustavus Adolphus College
800 West College Avenue
St. Peter, MN 56082**

DISABILITY SERVICES

The National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability (NCWD) has identified Guideposts for Success based on what research tells us that all youth need to transition to adulthood including:

1. School-Based Preparatory Experiences
2. Career Preparation and Work Based Learning Experiences
3. Youth Development in Leadership
4. Connecting Activities
5. Family Involvement and Supports

There are many local resources available to help individuals with disabilities in these areas.

For more information on disability services contact:

School-Based Preparatory Experiences

Secondary

District #77 Transition Program 507-387-5671

Minnesota Valley Education District (MVED) 507-934-5420

811 Davis St.

St. Peter, MN 56031

School-Based Preparatory Experiences (cont.)

Post-Secondary

Bethany Lutheran College 507-344-7431

Student Support

700 Luther Dr.

Mankato, MN 56001

Gustavus Adolphus College..... 507-933-7027

Disability Services

Johnson Student Union 204

St. Peter, MN 56031

Minnesota State University-Mankato

Office of Accessibility Resources..... 507-389-2825

132 Memorial Library

Mankato, MN 56001

Rasmussen College 507-625-6556

Campus Accommodations Coordinator

130 Saint Andrews Drive

Mankato, MN 56001

South Central College 507-389-7339

Student Support Services

1900 Lee Boulevard

North Mankato, MN 56003

Career Preparation and Work Based Learning Experiences

Lifeworks 507-625-7522

**201 N. Victory Drive
Mankato, MN 56001**

MN Valley Action Council-Blue Earth/Nicollet 507-345-6822

**706 N. Victory Dr.
Mankato, MN 56001**

MRCI WorkSource 507-386-5659

**15 Map Drive
Mankato, MN 56001**

Vocational Rehabilitation Services 507-389-6723

**12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1600C
Mankato, MN 56001**

Connecting Activities

LEEP 507-387-5122

**Leisure Education for Exceptional People
929 N. 4th Street
Mankato, MN 56001**

Family Involvement and Supports

AmeriCare Mobility Van 507-625-6741

**350 Poplar Street
Mankato, MN 56001**

Family Involvement and Supports (cont.)

ARC of Minnesota..... 507-345-4223

709 South Front St., Suite 3

Mankato, MN 56001

NAMI 507-317-3595

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill

P.O. Box 1175

Mankato, MN 56001

PACER 1-800-537-2237

8161 Normandale Blvd.

Minneapolis, MN 55437

REM..... 507-387-3181

210 Thomas Dr.

Mankato, MN 56001

SMILES Center for Independent Living 507-345-7139

709 S. Front St. Suite 7

Mankato, MN 56001

Social Security Administration..... 1-877-457-1734

12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1550

Mankato, MN 56001

State of MN Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services 507-344-2840
12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1670
Mankato, MN 56001

State Services for the Blind..... 507-389-6324
12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1600B
Mankato, MN 56001

VINE People to Jobs..... 507-387-1666
1618 3rd Ave.
Mankato, MN 56001

EDUCATION

Education is the best investment of time and money that you can make. It is important that you get as much education as you can when you are young. In high school there are tutoring systems to ensure that you get as much from that experience as possible.

When choosing a post-secondary school, do a comparison. If you are looking at a specific field, talk to someone in that career and ask for advice. If you are looking at a type of school, public vs. private, two year or four year college, compare advantages, prices & course offerings. Talk to school counselors. Websites like ISEEK (www.iseek.org) may be helpful. Most financial aid comes through the school's financial aid office; follow their advice on obtaining aid. There may also be help paying for school through a job or one of the armed forces.

For more information on education contact:

Community Education

Adult Basic Education/GED –Mankato	507-345-5222
Lincoln Community Center (GED Testing).....	507-345-5222
Maple River Community Education	507-524-3918
St. Peter Adult Basic Education/GED	507-934-3048

Educational Instruction

Mathnasium.....	507-345-3276
521 Hope St. Mankato, MN 56001	

Post-Secondary Schools

Bethany Lutheran College	507-344-7000
Gustavus Adolphus College.....	507-933-8000
Martin Luther College.....	507-354-8221
Minnesota State University-Mankato.....	507-389-1866
Rasmussen College	507-625-6556
South Central College - Mankato	507-389-7200
- Faribault.....	507-332-5800

Secondary Schools

Immanuel-Lutheran High School	507-345-3027
Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial	507-726-2110
Loyola Catholic School.....	507-388-2997
Mankato Central High School.....	507-387-3047
Mankato East High School.	507-387-5671
Mankato West High School.	507-387-3461
Maple River High School	507-524-3930
Nicollet High School.....	507-232-3448
Kato Public Charter School.....	507-387-5524
St. Clair High School	507-245-3027
St. Peter High School	507-934-4210

Head Start

MN Valley Action Council –Blue Earth County	507-345-3565
105 N. 5 th St., Mankato, MN 56001	
MN Valley Action Council –Nicollet County	507-934-5225
600 S. Fifth Street, Room 213, St. Peter, MN 56082	

Job Corps

Humphrey Job Corps Center.....	651-642-9029
1480 N. Snelling Avenue	1-800-733-5627
St. Paul, MN 55108	

EMPLOYMENT

If you are under age 14 and want a job, there are many things you can do to earn money or gain experience that will help you later. You can babysit, mow lawns or do odd jobs. You can volunteer at a variety of religious, school, or community programs.

Remember, plan on looking for work at least three months before you need it. For summer jobs apply as early as March, or better yet, obtain a part-time job during the school year. Then you will be the first hired full time in the summer.

Almost all jobs ask for an application or resume. Ask a parent or teacher to review your application before you turn it in. An interview is also usually required. You should come up with some sample questions and practice an interview before you go. Your local WorkForce Center can provide information on completing applications, resumes, and interviews (see www.mnwfc.org). To see available jobs go to minnesotaworks.net.

For more information on employment contact:

Fairmont WorkForce Center 507-235-5518
412 S. State St.
Fairmont, MN 56031

Mankato WorkForce Center..... 507-389-6723
12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1600A
Mankato, MN 56001

New Ulm WorkForce Center 507-354-3138
1618 S. Broadway, Suite 203
New Ulm, MN 56073

MN Valley Action Council-Blue Earth Co..... 507-345-6822
706 N. Victory Drive
Mankato, MN 56001
1-800-767-7139
(Must be income eligible)

MN Valley Action Council-Nicollet Co..... 507-934-5224
600 South 5th St., Room 213
St. Peter, MN 56082

Staffing Agencies

Express Employment Professionals 507-387-5620
113 Monroe Ave.
North Mankato, MN 56003

Jeane Thorne 507-625-8800
1600 Madison Ave. Suite 104
Mankato, MN 56001

Staffing Agencies (cont.)

Labor Ready..... 507-344-0600

210 E. Walnut St. Suite 100

Mankato, MN 56001

Manpower..... 507-345-4201

111 Star St. Suite 110

Mankato, MN 56001

Spherion..... 507-387-2200

709 S. Front St. Suite 2

Mankato, MN 56001

FOOD & NUTRITION

Eating nutritious food is essential to proper growth and good health. There are many programs that provide access to food, a healthful diet and nutrition education.

For more information on food and nutrition contact:

Blue Earth Co. Human Services..... 507-304-4222

410 S. Fifth Street

Mankato, MN 56001

ECHO Food Shelf.....	507-345-7508
1014 South Front Street	
Mankato, MN 56001	
Fare for All.....	507-267-4499
Bethel Baptist Church	
1250 Monks Avenue	
Mankato, MN 56001	
Feeding Our Communities Partners	507-720-8511
Backpack Food Program	
P.O. Box 5275	
Mankato, MN 56002-5275	
Food for All	507-625-7228
1700 3rd Avenue	
Mankato, MN 56001	
Free or Reduced School Meals-District 77.....	507-388-7442
Free or Reduced School Meals-District 508.....	507-934-5703
Maple River Loaves and Fishes	507-524-3046
104 E Central Avenue	
Mapleton, MN 56065	

FOOD & NUTRITION (cont.)

Nicollet County Social Services..... 507-387-4556
2070 Howard Dr.
North Mankato, MN 56003

Nicollet County Social Services..... 507-934-8559
108 S. Minnesota Ave., Suite 200
St. Peter, MN 56082

Salvation Army 507-345-7842
700 S. Riverfront Drive
Mankato, MN 56001
(Free noon meals)

Second Harvest Heartland..... 1-888-339-3663

St. Peter Food Shelf 507-934-9641
201 B South 3rd St.
St. Peter, MN 56082

University of MN Extension-Nicollet County 507-934-7828
501 S Minnesota Avenue
St. Peter, MN 56082

University of MN Extension - Regional..... 507-389-6714
1961 Premier Drive, Suite 110
Mankato, MN 56001

Women, Infants & Children (WIC)-Blue Earth Co 507-304-4163
512 East Mulberry Street
Mankato, MN 56001

Women, Infants & Children (WIC)-Nicollet Co 507-934-8262
501 S. Minnesota Avenue
St. Peter, MN 56082

HEALTH SERVICES

Taking care of your body is very important. If you have any health concerns or have not had a physical examination in some time see your family doctor. If you don't have a family doctor, or wish to see someone else, there are other options. You can get many health care services free or at a cost based on your income (called a sliding fee scale).

Before going to any of the places listed below, call and ask: What services are offered? Who can receive services? How are the charges handled? Do I need an appointment? Do I need my parents' permission? You can also check with your school nurse.

For more information on health services contact:

Public Health Clinics

Provide a variety of health services including: physicals, immunizations, nutrition for pregnant women and children (WIC), family planning, disease prevention and more.

Blue Earth County Public Health 507-304-4319
410 S. 5th Street (Lower level)
Mankato, MN 56002-3526

Nicollet County Public Health 507-934-7220
501 S. Minnesota Avenue
St. Peter, MN 56082

Medical Clinics/ Hospitals

Mankato Clinic-Adams Street..... 507-625-7684
1809 Adams Street
Mankato, MN 56001

Mankato Clinic-Daniels Health Center 507-934-2325
1901 N. Old Minnesota Ave.
St. Peter, MN 56082

Mankato Clinic-Lake Crystal..... 507-726-2136
221 South Murphy Street
Lake Crystal, MN 56055

Mankato Clinic-Madison East..... 507-625-1811
1400 Madison Avenue
Mankato, MN 56001

Mankato Clinic-Main Street..... 507-625-1811
1230 E. Main Street
Mankato, MN 56001

Mankato Clinic-Mapleton. 507-524-3835
305 Main Street NE
Mapleton, MN 56065

Mankato Clinic-North Mankato..... 507-625-5027
1575 Lookout Drive
North Mankato, MN 56003

Mankato Clinic-River Hills Mall 507-625-1811
1850 Adams Street
Mankato, MN 56001

Mankato Clinic-Sleep Center..... 507-625-1811
120 North Augusta Court
Mankato, MN 56001

Medical Clinics/ Hospitals (cont.)

Mankato Clinic-Wickersham Health Campus..... 507-625-1811

**1421 Premier Drive
Mankato, MN 56001**

Mayo Clinic Health System-Eastridge Clinic 507-385-6500

**101 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. (appointments) 1-877-412-7575
Mankato, MN 56001**

Mayo Clinic Health System-Hospital & Clinic 507-625-4031

**1025 Marsh Street 1-800-327-3721
Mankato, MN 56001 (appointments) 1-877-412-7575**

Mayo Clinic Health System-Lake Crystal 507-726-6966

**200 E. Prince Street (appointments) 1-877-412-7575
Lake Crystal, MN 56055**

Mayo Clinic Health System-Madison East

**1400 Madison Ave..... (appointments) 1-877-412-7575
Mankato, MN 56001**

Mayo Clinic Health System-Northridge Clinic 507-385-5700

**1695 LorRay Drive (appointments) 1-877-412-7575
North Mankato, MN 56003**

Mayo Clinic Health System-St. Peter 507-931-2110
1900 Sunrise Drive, Suite 200 (appointments) 1-877-412-7575
St. Peter, MN 56082

Open Door Health Center..... 507-388-2120
309 Holly Lane
Mankato, MN 56001

Pediatric & Adolescent Dentistry 507-387-4078
212 Star Street
Mankato, MN 56001

Rivers Edge Hospital & Clinic 507-931-2200
1900 N. Sunrise Drive
St. Peter, MN 56082

Student Health Services/Medical Clinic 507-389-6276
Minnesota State University-Mankato
21 Carkoski Commons
Mankato, MN 56001

HOUSING PROGRAMS

Knowing what you want and can afford before you begin your housing search will make it more successful. When searching for appropriate housing there are a number of issues to consider including:

- Maximum Rent/Mortgage Payment
- Type of lease
- Space needs (# of bedrooms, etc.)
- Parking (garage, covered, street)
- Is it a safe neighborhood
- Security systems
- Cost of utilities

The following are resources that may be helpful in finding an apartment:

- Classified Ads of your local newspaper
- “Apartments” in the yellow page section of your local phone directory
- Bulletin Boards at local post-secondary schools

For more information on local housing programs contact:

Habitat for Humanity 507-388-2081
1751 Bassett Drive
Mankato, MN 56001

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency 651-296-7608

**Minnesota Valley Action Council –
Blue Earth/Nicollet Counties 507-345-6822
706 N. Victory Drive 1-800-767-7139
Mankato, MN 56001
(Must be income eligible)**

**Partners for Affordable Housing..... 507-388-1664
151 Good Counsel Drive, Suite 130
Mankato, MN 56001
(Transitional housing)**

**Salvation Army 507-345-7840
700 S. Riverfront Drive
Mankato, MN 56001**

**Section 8 Rental Assistance 507-387-8631
City of Mankato - Intergovernmental Center
10 Civic Center Plaza
Mankato, MN 56001**

**South Central MN Multi-County HRA..... 507-345-1977
422 Belgrade Ave. Suite 102 1-800-733-9564
North Mankato, MN 56003**

HOUSING PROGRAMS (cont.)

The REACH Drop-In Center 507-381-6670
Lutheran Social Service
709 South Front Street, Suite 6
Mankato, MN 56001
(Homeless youth)

LIBRARIES

Libraries are an important resource. Libraries can provide resources that will help you with your homework or provide reading materials for your fun and leisure. Libraries also provide access to computers and the Internet.

For more information on libraries contact:

Blue Earth County Library 507-304-4001
100 E Main Street
Mankato, MN 56001

Lake Crystal Public Library 507-726-2726
100 Robinson Street
Lake Crystal, MN 56055

Mapleton Public Library..... 507-524-3513
104 First Avenue, P.O. Box 405
Mapleton, MN 56065

North Mankato Taylor Library..... 507-345-5120
1001 Belgrade Avenue
North Mankato, MN 56003

St. Peter Public Library..... 507-934-7420
601 S. Washington Avenue
St. Peter, MN 56082

Library Systems

SMILE Library System..... 507-625-6169
Traverse Des Sioux Library System 507-625-6169

RECREATION AND LEISURE

Having fun is an important part of your quality of life. Although meeting new people and trying new things can be scary, getting involved in leisure activities has a positive impact on your general well-being.

In addition to community education and park & recreation activities, you may want to explore local church youth groups and/or local cultural

RECREATION AND LEISURE (cont.)

activities such as dance, music or theatre groups.

For more information on recreation and leisure contact:

All Seasons Arena 507-387-6552

Arts Center of St. Peter 507-931-3630
315 S. Minnesota Avenue
St. Peter, MN 56082

Carmike Cinema 6 507-625-3456
220 Stadium Road
Mankato, MN 56001

CineGrand Mankato 4.....mn.cinegrand.us
1640 Mankato Mall
Mankato, MN 56001

Cinemark Movies 8 507-625-1929
River Hills Mall
1850 Adams Street
Mankato, MN 56001

Community Education & Recreation– Mankato..... 507-387-5501
110 Fulton Street
Mankato, MN 56001

Community Education – Nicollet 507-232-3448
1 Pine Street
Nicollet, MN 56074

Dance Conservatory of So. MN 507-625-2005
1400 Madison Avenue, Suite 202
Mankato, MN 56001

Dance Express..... 507-625-3865
2105 N. Broad Court
Mankato, MN 56001

Darts League..... 507-387-7986
1840 Commerce Drive
North Mankato, MN 56003

Dutler’s Bowl..... 507-387-3439
1247 Range Street
North Mankato, MN 56003

RECREATION AND LEISURE (cont.)

- Impulse Dance 507-317-5185**
546 Grant Ave.
North Mankato, MN 56003
- Kingpin's Bowl..... 507-934-2982**
1671 S. Third Street
St. Peter, MN 56082
- Lake Crystal Area Recreation Center 507-726-6730**
621 W. Nathan Street
Lake Crystal, MN 56055
- LEEP-Leisure Education for Exceptional People 507-387-5122**
929 N. 4th Street
Mankato, MN 56001
(Individuals w/disabilities)
- Mankato Area Gymnastics School..... 507-625-6260**
- Mankato Area Youth Baseball Assoc. -MAYBA..... 507-625-3322**
- Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra..... (507) 217-7687**
- Mankato Area Wrestling Club..... www.theguillotine.com**

Mankato Ballet Company	507-625-7716
Mankato Curling Club	507-388-3335
Mankato Family YMCA	507-387-8255
1401 S. Riverfront Drive	
Mankato, MN 56001	
Mankato Figure Skating Club	507-387-6552
Mankato Peppers Softball	507-387-9985
Mankato Royals Baseball	507-625-3322
Mankato United Soccer Club	mankatosoccer.org
Mankato/North Mankato Youth Football League	507-625-1100
Mapleton Heather Curling Club	507-524-3733
Mount Kato Ski Area	507-625-3363
20461 Hwy. 66	
Mankato, MN 56001	
Pool League Information	507-387-7986

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St. Peter Recreation & Leisure Services 507-934-0667

600 S. 5th Street, Suite 200

St. Peter, MN 56082

St. Peter Soccer Club 507-469-4222

Victory Bowl 507-387-7991

203 S. Victory Drive

Mankato, MN 56001

Wow!Zone Family Entertainment Center 507-625-2695

2030 Adams Street

Mankato, MN 56001

YMCA Marlins Swim Team Mankato Family YMCA..... 507-387-8255

Additional information can also be found on school district and chamber of commerce websites.

THRIFT STORES

Thrift stores sell new and gently used clothing, housewares, and small furniture.

For more information on thrift stores contact:

AGAIN Thrift & More..... 507-345-2409

**706 N. Victory Drive
Mankato, MN 56001**

Habitat for Humanity Restore..... 507-388-6682

**1751 Bassett Drive
Mankato, MN 56001**

Hopp's Thrift Store 507-387-4448

**1002 Belle Ave.
Mankato, MN 56001**

Lake Crystal Grace 507-726-6881

**101 S. Main St.
Lake Crystal, MN 56055**

MRCI Thrift Shop 507-388-3867

**111 Sioux Rd.
Mankato, MN 56001**

Neighborhood Thrift Store..... 507-625-7228

**105 W. Lind St.
Mankato, MN 56001**

THRIFT STORES (cont.)

New 2 You Family Thrift 507-385-1455
1838 Commerce Drive
North Mankato, MN 56003

Riverfront Reruns 507-385-0450
722 N. Riverfront Drive
Mankato, MN 56001

Salvation Army Thrift Store 507-345-7074
201 Star St.
Mankato, MN 56001

St. Peter Thrift Shop 507-931-9150
401 S. Minnesota Ave.
St. Peter, MN 56082

Third St. Seconds 507-931-3642
406 S. 3rd St.
St. Peter, MN 56082

VINE Home Thrift Store 507-387-2699
77 Star St.
Mankato, MN 56001

TRANSPORTATION

A key issue for youth in a rural area is transportation. Below is a list of area resources that may be beneficial in meeting your transportation needs.

For more information on transportation contact:

Driver's Education

Safety & Respect Driving School..... 507-382-8986
421 N. Second Street
Mankato, MN 56001

Superior School of Driving..... 507-625-5172
604 N. Riverfront Drive
Mankato, MN 56001

Driver's License Road & Knowledge Test Sites

Driver's License Exam Station 507-344-2799
2161 Bassett Drive
Mankato, MN 56001

Driver's License Exam Station 507-931-6800
Nicollet County Courthouse
501 S. Minnesota Avenue
St. Peter, MN 56082

Transportation Services

AmeriCare Mobility Van 507-625-6741
350 Poplar Street **1-800-963-7233**

Mankato, MN 56001

(Non-emergency medical transportation for individuals with disabilities)

Gold Cross Ambulance 507-345-3420
1308 Marsh Street

Mankato, MN 56001

(Non-emergency medical transportation for ill or disabled persons)

Kato Cab 507-388-7433
722 ½ N. Riverfront Drive

Mankato, MN 56001

Mankato City Bus Service 507-625-7433

National Run Away Safeline 1-800-RUN-AWAY
(Must be youth initiated between the ages 12-20)

St. Peter Transit Dial-A-Ride 507-934-6070
227 S. Front Street

St. Peter, MN 56082

(Serving St. Peter and Kasota area)

VINE People to Jobs..... 507-387-1666
1618 3rd Ave.
Mankato, MN 56001

Wheel Get There –MVAC 507-345-0446
706 N. Victory Drive
Mankato, MN 56001
(Cars/car loans)

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Being involved in youth organizations is a great way to meet new friends and learn team-building and leadership skills. In addition to the organizations listed below most local places of worship have youth groups also.

For more information on youth organizations contact:

4H University of MN Extension-Blue Earth Co 507-304-4325
204 S. Fifth Street, Suite 330
Mankato, MN 56001

4H University of Minnesota Extension-Nicollet Co 507-934-0360
501 S. Minnesota Avenue
St. Peter, MN 56082

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS (cont.)

Boy Scouts of America 507-387-3123

810 Madison Avenue

Mankato, MN 56001

Girl Scouts River Valleys 507-625-7474

1-800-845-0787

The Well Youth Center of Maple River 507-524-3839

106 Main St. NE

Mapleton, MN 56065

YOUTH SERVICES

There are many services and resources offered by a variety of agencies in South Central Minnesota that help youth. In addition to the agencies listed below, you may also want to check: www.211.org (or call 1-800-543-7709) for information on services that will meet your specific need.

For more information on youth services contact:

Blue Earth County Social Services 507-304-4319

410 S. 5th Street

Mankato, MN 56002-3526

LEEP-Leisure Education for Exceptional People 507-387-5122
929 N. 4th St.
Mankato, MN 56001
(Individuals with developmental disabilities)

Life-Work Planning Center 507-345-1577
201 N. Broad Street, Suite 100 **1-800-369-5166**
Mankato, MN 56001

Lutheran Social Service..... 507-381-6670
710 S. Second Street **1-888-577-2227**
Mankato, MN 56001
(Independent living skills)

Madelia Area Integration Collaborative 507-642-3232
320 Buck Avenue S.E. **x204**
Madelia, MN 56062
(Includes LCWM, Madelia, Maple River, Truman)

MN Valley Action Council – Blue Earth/Nicollet..... 507-345-6822
706 N. Victory Drive **1-800-767-7139**
Mankato, MN 56001
(Must be income eligible)

YOUTH SERVICES (cont.)

Nicollet County Social Services..... 507-387-4556

2070 Howard Drive

N. Mankato, MN 56003

Nicollet County Social Services..... 507-934-8559

108 S. Minnesota Avenue Suite #200

St. Peter, MN 56082

Project G.E.M. 507-726-6047

**(Arts based educational outreach program for social & learning
disability students, ages 6-18)**

Salvation Army 507-345-7840

700 S. Riverfront Drive

Mankato, MN 56001

(Emergency assistance/youth programs)

SMILES Center for Independent Living 507-345-7139

709 S. Front St. Suite 7

Mankato, MN 56001

St. Peter Community and Family Education 507-934-3048

600 S. Fifth Street, Suite 207

St. Peter, MN 56082

- The REACH Drop-In Center 507-381-6670**
Lutheran Social Service
709 South Front Street, Suite 6
Mankato, MN 56001
(Homeless youth)
- Vocational Rehabilitation Services 507-389-6723**
12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1600C
Mankato, MN 56001
(Individuals with disabilities)
- YMCA 507-387-8255**
1401 S. Riverfront Drive
Mankato, MN 56001
(Leadership development and recreation)
- YWCA 507-345-4629**
500 South Broad Street
Mankato, MN 56001

NOTES

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**Child Care
Counseling
Disability Services
Education
Employment
Food & Nutrition
Health Services**

**Housing Programs
Libraries
Recreation
Thrift Stores
Transportation
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