

# Disability Services

The C.A.R.E. Directory (Coordinating Area Resources Effectively) is a compilation of non-profit corporations, groups, organizations, services clubs, and service providers operating in Crow Wing County.

This reference manual is always accepting more information. If your organization fits into one of our headings, please call or email us with your information so we can keep our CARE directory up to date.

**Brainerd Community Action**  
213 S. 5th Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
**Office:** 218.829.5278  
**E-mail:**  
[holly@brainerdcommunityaction.org](mailto:holly@brainerdcommunityaction.org)

## **Bethany Good Samaritan Village**

804 Wright Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-829-1407  
[www.good-sam.com](http://www.good-sam.com)

A non-profit Christian nursing home, Medicare and Medicaid certified, contracted with the V.A. 24-hour nursing care; physical, occupational and speech therapy; activity programming; social services; pastoral care; barber and beauty shop. Includes a unit for Alzheimer's Disease, a sub-acute unit, a residential memory care facility and a congregate assisted living facility. Inpatient and outpatient therapy services. Private rooms for short-term rehabilitation stays.

## **Barnabas Health Care**

223 Washington St.  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-829-0901

Each life is precious and has purpose. Each of us needs God's grace and the support and help of others to reach our full potential. Home health care provides a compassionate option for children and adults needing help with illness, injury or disability. Statistics show that home care is cost effective with more rapid healing and lower incidence of infection, medication errors, anxiety and other unwanted complications.

## **Bay Lake Area Lions-Mobility Bus**

18257 State Hwy. 6  
Deerwood, MN 56444  
Contact: 218-678-9090

Mobility Bus transportation for disabled in the Deerwood, Crosby, and Garrison Areas

## **Cardiac & Pulmonary Rehabilitation- Cuyuna Regional Medical Center**

320 East Main Street  
Crosby, MN 56441  
Contact: 218-546-7000 ext. 446  
[www.cyunamed.org](http://www.cyunamed.org)

Rehab option with chronic lung illness or cardiac problems to build endurance so patients with these illnesses can live more comfortably and independently. Also work with people at risk for cardio-vascular disease.

## **Camp Knutson – LSS**

11169 Whitefish Ave.  
Crosslake, MN 56442  
Contact: 218-543-4232  
[lssmn.org](http://lssmn.org)  
[campknutson@lssmn.org](mailto:campknutson@lssmn.org)

Camp Knutson is dedicated to nurturing the well-being of persons with special needs in a setting which celebrates God's love for community and creation. During the summer month (June through August) Camp Knutson is an accepting and nurturing camp environment for children with special needs. Each year, the camp serves children with Skin Disease, Autism, Down Syndrome, Heart

Diseases, and families with a member(s) affected by or infected with HIV/AIDS.

Knutson Point Retreat Center is also available for adult retreats, leadership development and planning for congregations and non-profit organizations. Please check out our website for more information

#### **Care Cab**

2600 North 7th St.  
St. Cloud, MN 56303  
Contact: 800-450-4227  
[www.caretransportation.com](http://www.caretransportation.com)

Non-emergency transportation in an accessible van for anyone who has limitations which prevent them from using a common carrier (bus, taxi). Minnesota Medical Assistance provider.

#### **City of Brainerd - Crow Wing County Transit**

501 Laurel Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-825-7433  
Toll-Free: 1-866-925-7433

County wide public transit service consisting of both; customized "curb-to-curb" service for individual needs, and flexible routes between communities. Weekdays, 6 am to 6 pm. Rates are \$1.00 Brainerd to Brainerd and \$2:00 Brainerd to Baxter. Advanced notice, prior day reservation requested. Handicapped accessible. Call for more information. Andy Stone: Transit Coordinator

#### **Confidence Learning Center, (Camp Confidence)**

6260 Mary Fawcett Memorial Drive  
East Gull Lake, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-828-2344  
[info@campconfidence.com](mailto:info@campconfidence.com)  
[www.campconfidence.com](http://www.campconfidence.com)

To provide a year – round outdoor education and recreation center for persons of all ages with developmental and cognitive disabilities.

To enhance the ability and self – confidence of people of all ages with developmental and cognitive disabilities.

To provide opportunities with the deaf and hard of hearing community for language and cultural expansion, support and education.

To educate through “hands on” outdoor and recreational experiences while meeting individual’s needs.

To facilitate exceptional learning experiences for families, direct care staff and professionals in the field of developmental and cognitive disabilities.

#### **Crow Wing County Social Services - Developmentally Disabled Program**

204 Laurel Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-824-1140

Case management services available for individuals with developmental disabilities or related conditions. Contracted services may also include supported employment, SILS (Semi-Independent Living Skills), personal support, waived services and other activities promoting independence and self-realization in the least restrictive environment.

#### **Crow Wing County Veteran's Service Office**

204 Laurel St., Ste. 14  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-824-1058

Local contact point for veterans and their dependents to apply for state and federal veterans benefits. Also supplies transportation from Brainerd to St. Cloud and Minneapolis VA Medical Centers. Must be ambulatory for transportation.

#### **Consumer Affairs Office**

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350  
St Paul, MN 55101-2147  
651-296-0406  
1-800-657-3782  
[consumer.puc@state.mn.us](mailto:consumer.puc@state.mn.us)  
[www.puc.state.mn.us](http://www.puc.state.mn.us)

#### **Courage Center**

3915 Golden Valley Road  
Golden Valley, MN 55422  
Contact: 763-588-0811  
[www.courage.org](http://www.courage.org)

Vocational services, medical rehabilitation, camping programs, adult day care, courage residence, driver education, sports, and recreational programs. Warm water pool available. The Courage Center will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary in 2004, continuing to help people learn how "Abilities and Disabilities Become Possibilities". To learn more about the Courage Center, please call for information. Over 70 programs and services are available.

#### **Dialysis Unit - St. Joseph's Medical Center**

523 3rd St. N.  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-825-8964

Center hours: Monday-Saturday 6 am to 8:30 pm.  
Now located at Brainerd Medical Center.

**Good Neighbor Home Health Care, Inc. - Baxter Office**

14387 Edgewood Drive N  
Baxter, MN 56425  
Contact: 218-829-9238  
Toll-Free: 1-888-221-5785  
www.gnhomecare.com

A Medicare certified, state-licensed Home Health Agency offering skilled nursing, respite care, home health aides, personal care attendants, homemakers, IV therapy and therapy services. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Serves the areas of Pillager, Baxter, Nisswa, Pequot Lakes, Pine River, Emily, Crosslake, Aitkin, Brainerd, and many outlying areas. Assisted living in Brainerd & Pine River.

**Hallett Cottages, CRMC (Memory Loss Housing)**

350 Fourth Street NE  
Crosby, MN 56441  
Contact: 218-546-6265  
Toll-Free:  
www.cuyunamed.org

Innovative senior housing for people in the early stage of memory loss disease. A home-like environment that has incorporated the "Eden Alternative" and nontraditional therapeutic approach to help residents nurture and cherish enduring memories.

**Home and Community Living - LSS**

716 E St.  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-829-9214

Programs for individuals who are developmentally disabled. Locations are Brainerd, Baxter, St. Cloud and Little Falls. Includes Semi-Independent Living Services, In-Home Support, Respite Care, & Supervised Living Services. A Lutheran Social Service program.

**Home Care - CRMC, HomeHealth Partnership**

320 East Main Street  
Crosby, MN 56441  
Contact: 218-546-2311  
Toll-Free: 1-800-698-2311  
www.cuyunamed.org

A project partnership service of the Aitkin and Cuyuna medical communities. Skilled nursing care, home health aides, homemakers, therapies, Lifeline emergency personal response system.

**Home Health Care/Hospice - St. Joseph's Medical Center**

523 N. 3rd Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-828-7444  
www.sjmcmn.org

Home health care provided by nurses, therapists, social worker, aides and volunteers, based on individual patient needs. All care is directed by your physician and coordinated by our primary nurse or therapist.

**Hospice - CRMC, HomeHealth Partnership**

320 East Main Street  
Crosby, MN 56441  
Toll-Free: 1-800-698-2311  
www.cuyunamed.org

A HomeHealth Partnership Home Care Service. Hospice is a special way of caring for terminally ill people and their families in-home that stresses comfort, dignity and peace of the dying person.

**Lakes Area Interfaith Caregivers**

P.O. Box 654  
Pequot Lakes, MN 56472  
Contact: 218-820-9247  
Toll-Free: 1-877-245-7454

Nonprofit organization providing volunteers to meet unmet needs in the areas of transportation, home visits, homemaking, chore/repairs, and respite care for people in need throughout Crow Wing County.

**Medi-Van, Inc.**

P.O. Box 1053  
Detroit Lakes, MN 56502  
Toll-Free: 1-800-422-0976

A professional, specialized transportation system designed to transport patients from their residence or nursing homes to scheduled appointments. Advance scheduling notice is recommended. Primarily for patients who have physical/mental disabilities (i.e. wheelchair-bound) and who have difficulty getting to and from appointments. Have ICC permission to transport across state lines. 24-hour, 7 day per week service. Our staff handles billing with MA, Health Plan, or the individual.

**Minnesota Children with Special Health Needs,  
MN Dept. of Health (MCSHN)**

P.O. Box 64882  
St. Paul, MN 55164  
Contact: 651-215-8956  
Toll-Free: 1-800-728-5420  
[www.health.state.mn.us/mcshn](http://www.health.state.mn.us/mcshn)

Serves MN children with special health needs & their families. Pays for diagnostic services & medical care for eligible children. Also provides education, information, support, and referral for: education services, financial assist., home health care, legal resources, advocacy, service coord., special equip., camps, support groups, transportation. The Information & Referral Line is answered weekdays 8 am to 4:30 pm.

**Minnesota State Services for the Blind & Visually Impaired**

1919 South 6th Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-828-2490  
Toll-Free: 1-800-652-9000

Rehabilitation services for those with visual handicap including resource center for educational materials. Partners in the MN Workforce Center.

**Mounted Eagles Therapeutic Horsemanship –c/o Spirit Horse Center**

8386 50<sup>th</sup> Ave Brainerd, MN 56401  
Mailing address: P.O. Box 566 Nisswa, MN 56468  
Contact: 218-454-3228  
1-888-828-9920  
[info@mountedeagles.org](mailto:info@mountedeagles.org)  
[www.mountedeagles.org](http://www.mountedeagles.org)

Mounted Eagles is a Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) Accredited program that provides therapeutic horsemanship and equine assisted activities for individuals who face physical, mental, social, and/or challenges.

Our Mission Statement: Mounted Eagles enhances the lives of program participants, volunteers and the community by providing a safe and enjoyable environment where individuals with special needs benefit from therapeutic, developmental and educational equine-assisted activities.

Volunteers needed to assist in leading, side walking, grooming, tacking, cooling down and cleaning tack, etc. Come and join the fun.

**North Central Medical Supply**

312 5<sup>th</sup> St. NW  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-825-7331  
[info@ncmedicalsupply.com](mailto:info@ncmedicalsupply.com)  
[ncmedicalsupply.com](http://ncmedicalsupply.com)

**Northern Pines Mental Health Center, Inc.**

520 5th St NW  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-829-3235  
Toll-Free: 1-800-566-3235

Provides broad-spectrum mental health services, including outpatient counseling, psychiatry and medication management, psychological testing, day treatment, in-home services, emergency intervention, EAP services, and public education/prevention programs. Serves all persons in need of our services, regardless of the client's ability to pay.

**Oakridge Homes**

1021 Industrial Park Rd  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-829-7599  
[orthwv.com](http://orthwv.com)

To be a leader in quality residential and support services for people with special needs, now and in the future.

Our organizations currently own and operate adult foster care homes serving persons with mental health or developmental disabilities. In addition to the foster care homes, we own and operate a board and lodge. We also offer a wide variety of community based ARMHS and outreach services within six different counties in central Minnesota.

Each client has particular abilities, disabilities and needs; at Oakridge, we strive to learn and consider each client's individual characteristic. This desire to learn defines the roles of our staff and management in the client's development and growth, in his or her environments.

Please check out our website for more information.

**Ombudsman for Mental Health & Mental Retardation**

11800 State Highway 18  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-828-2366  
Toll-Free: 1-800-657-3506  
[www.ombudmhmr.state.mn.us](http://www.ombudmhmr.state.mn.us)

Mediates/advocates on behalf of persons receiving services for mental illness, mental retardation or related conditions, chemical dependencies or emotional disturbances. Consultation regarding rights and treatment issues with individuals, programs and facilities. Reviews circumstances surrounding deaths or serious injuries of persons in residential or acute care facilities.

**Our Place**

323 S 9th  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-828-4877

Provides community support services for Crow Wing County residents who have a serious and persistent mental illness. Offers drop-in hours, day treatment groups, outreach services, and housing support assistance. Our Place is a division of Northern Pines Mental Health Center, Inc. Referrals from case manager, therapist or other mental health professional.

**Pacer Center - Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights**

8161 Normandale Blvd.  
Bloomington, MN 55437  
Contact: 888-248-0822, 952-838-0199 (fax)  
Toll-Free: 1-800-537-2237  
pacer@pacer.org  
www.pacer.org

Mission is to expand opportunities and enhance the quality of life of children and young adults with disabilities and their families, based on the concept of parents helping parents. Offers workshops, newsletter, special equipment & software, lending library, legislative info., help with juvenile justice, transition issues and parent advocates.

**Paul Bunyan Education Cooperative**

315 Charles St.  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-454-5505  
gaynard.brown@isd181.org  
www.pbec.k12.mn.us

Education, evaluation and consultation services for all children birth to 12th grade who have disabilities. Covers the following districts: Pillager, Pequot Lakes, Pine River-Backus, Aitkin, Crosby-Ironton, and Brainerd. Also serves the following charter schools: PACS, Emily and Crosslake.

**Personal support Services – LSS**

716 E Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-824-3742 or 1-320-632-9299

Offers a comprehensive range of person-centered services for adults and children with disabilities and other related conditions, based on individual needs and choice. These services include semi-independent living services, supported living services, respite care, in-home support, and consumer-directed community support. Please call for more information.

**Productive Alternatives, Inc.**

213 NW 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-825-8148

218-825-8362 (fax)

P.A.I. is a non-profit agency dedicated to providing diverse human services programming, offering viable workforce opportunities for businesses, and manufacturing and marketing innovative products.

Productive Alternatives has been providing vocational services for persons with disabilities for over 50 years. All persons with disabilities 18 years of age and older are eligible for service.

We have in-house piece work and on-site job coaches who can assist with teaching you the skills you need to be successful in your job. Check out our website or call for more information.

**Professional Family Based Division (PFBD)**

13045 Falcon Drive  
Baxter, MN 56425  
Contact: 218 829-9307

We provide In-home mental health services to children and their families. We use system approach as the participation of family in the process will produce the greater chance for success. Our staff meets with the child and/or family at least two times a week for extended hours. We are available to meet with families in their homes, the child's school, daycare or another appropriate community location. The mental health professional conducts the intake in the family's home to provide the diagnostic assessment. Subsequent appointments are kept by the mental health practitioner, individual and family skills. Check out our website for more information.

**Rehabilitation Services- Cuyuna Regional Medical Center**

320 East Main  
Crosby, MN 56441  
Contact: 218-546-2315  
www.cyunamed.org

Physical, occupational, cardiac and speech therapies, sports medicine, industrial medicine. Prosthetics, orthotics, pedorthics, treating neuromuscular and skeletal problems on an outpatient and inpatient basis.

**Right Friends**

11675 Five Mile Rd  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-829-0332

A group for disabled persons that has an activity night the 4th Thursday of each month except Nov. and Dec. Socially, community, and spiritually oriented.

**Shriner's Hospital for Children**

P.O. Box 287  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-828-9438

Free medical treatment for handicapped or burned children to age 18. Includes certain transportation, parent housing and education

**Sight and Hearing Association**

674 Transfer Road  
St. Paul, MN 55114  
Contact: 651-645-2546  
Toll-Free: 1-800-992-0424  
mail@sightandhearing.org  
www.sightandhearing.org

Also known as the Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Blindness and Preservation of Hearing. Provides educational information, products, and referral services for a variety of vision and hearing related topics.

**Social Security Administration**

8331 Brandon Rd.  
Baxter, MN 56425  
Contact: 218-829-7174  
Toll-Free: 1-800-772-1213  
www.ssa.gov

Automated services available 7 am to 7 pm M-F except federal holidays. Office hours Mon, Tue., Thur., Fri. open 8-4, Wed 8-12

**Special Olympics Minnesota**

100 Washington Avenue South, Suite 550  
Minneapolis, MN 55401  
Contact: 1-612-604-1261  
www.specialolympicsminnesota.org

Region 5 organization covering all Crow Wing, Cass, Morrison, Aitkin, Todd & Wadena counties. Year-round sports competition & training; 24 sports. Call for information. Contact Jana Rooney – jrooneysomn@brainerd.net

**St. Camillus Place**

1100 SE 4th Street  
Little Falls, MN 56345  
Contact: 320-632-1212

A not-for-profit, 13-bed home for people with developmental disabilities.

**St. Gabriel's Hospital**

815 SE 2nd Street  
Little Falls, MN 56345  
Contact: 320-632-5441  
www.stgabriels.com

A non-profit community hospital offering a broad range of inpatient and outpatient services.

**United Cerebral Palsy of Minnesota**

Suite 219 South  
1821 University Ave.  
St. Paul, MN 55104  
Contact: 651-646-7588  
Toll-Free: 1-888-528-5678  
ucpmn@cpinternet.com  
www.ucpmn.org

Co-producers of "Disability Viewpoints" a cable television show that provides information about disability related services.

**Unity Family Home Care & Hospice**

815 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Little Falls, MN 56345  
Contact: 320-632-5575

A full-service home care and hospice organization offering skilled nursing, home health aide and hospice services. Hours: 8 am to 4:30 pm.

**Vision Assistance Program, Brainerd Lions Club**

213 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: Vicki Foss, 218-330-7814,  
vicki.foss@northlandarb.org  
www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/brainerd/

Lions Sight Conservation - We partner up with Brainerd School District's nurse to get children with financial needs the glasses they need to excel in school.