

Education

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

The Anderson Center

122 12th Avenue N, Suite 102
St. Cloud, MN 56303
www.anderson-center.org
320-251-5420

The Anderson Center exists to promote individual, organizational, and economic growth. We provide engaging management and leadership development forums for executives across Greater Minnesota. In Center forums, experienced participants—including owners, directors, executives, managers, advisors and financiers—debate and apply the lessons of real-world case studies guided by highly-skilled Discussion Leaders to improve their organizations.

Babysitter Training, North Star Chapter, American Red Cross

2029 South 6th Street #109
Brainerd, MN 56401
Contact: 218-829-4004
Toll-Free: 1-800-969-7798
aaron@northstar-redcross.org

Classes for ages 11-15. Classes at Chapter or can be arranged at your site. Call for information. Preregistration and prepayment are required. Visa, Mastercard and checks accepted.

Brainerd Public Library

416 South 5th Street
Brainerd, MN 56401
Contact: Branch Manager: Jolene B, 218-829-5574
brainerd@krls.org
www.krls.org

Visit the library for books, magazines, large print materials, books on cassette or CD, videos and DVD's, plus a lot more! The library staff is happy to assist you with reference questions and other informational needs. The library has six computers available for internet use, word processing and research. Be sure to take a look at the ELM databases which provide access to hundreds of full-text magazine articles! The library also provides meeting rooms, fax service, photocopies, story hours, adult and teen books clubs, authors & speakers of interest, summer children and teen reading programs, an adult winter reading program and much more. The library has something for everyone.

Brainerd Public Schools Foundation

804 Oak St. #209a
Brainerd, MN 56401
Contact: 218-454-6921
Email: info@bpsf.org

The vision of the Brainerd Public Schools Foundation is for the young people of the Brainerd Lakes Area to have the finest educational opportunities as learners, participants, citizens, artists, athletes and contributors to our community and whole of society.

The mission of the Brainerd Public Schools Foundation is to enhance opportunities for quality academics, arts, activities and athletics for the students of the Brainerd Public School District.

By joining our list, you are making a difference in our schools. You are helping to enhance opportunities for quality academics, arts, activities for the students of the Brainerd Public Schools.

Business & Industry Center, Central Lakes College

501 West College Drive
Brainerd, MN 56401
Contact: 218-855-8139
Toll-Free: 1-800-933-0346, ext.5302
www.clc.mnscu.edu

The Brainerd location includes a Resource Library designed for access to periodicals, video viewing and access to other research materials. Our staff works with many organizations and business across our region and state to establish long-term collaborative partnerships that help organizations and their employees achieve their goals and objectives.

Central Lakes College

501 West College Drive
Brainerd, MN 56401
Contact: Brainerd- 218-855-8000
Toll-Free: Staples toll free 1-800-247-6836

Full-service, comprehensive community and technical college, offering a mix of programs and courses from campuses in Brainerd & Staples. Opportunity to get a good start on a bachelor's degree by ensuring the first two years of a four-year college education. Some graduates transfer to universities or colleges to complete four-year programs. Others take a career path from more than 40 professional programs leading immediately to rewarding employment.

College of St. Scholastica

501 West College Drive
Brainerd, MN 56401
Contact: 218-855-8006
Toll-Free: 1-800-933-0346 ext. 8006

Accelerated Bachelor and Master of Arts degree programs on the campus of Central Lakes College. Bachelor majors include Computer Information Systems, Management, Organization Behavior and nursing. Students earn lower division credits through CLC and upper division classes are taught by St. Scholastica instructors. Students can complete the upper division requirements in one year or less. A Master of Arts in Management is also offered.

Community Education - Brainerd ISD #181

804 Oak St.
Brainerd, MN 56401
Contact: Director: Cori Reynolds, 218-822-6924
www.isd181.org
cori.reynolds@isd181.org

Broad range of educational opportunities for community members of all ages. 4 sessions. Two adult sessions are available. Sign up in September and February. Summer programs are available for children, grades K-12 Please call for information.

Community Education of ISD #182- Crosby

711 Poplar Street
Crosby, MN 56441
Contact: 218-545-8822
dsova@ci.k12.mn.us

Committed to lifelong learning! Early Childhood/School Readiness, Adult Education, Snack Attack-student run business and a variety of adult education programs are available.

Community Education of ISD #186- Pequot Lakes

30805 Olson St.
Pequot Lakes, MN 56472
Contact: 218-568-9200
www.pequotlakes.net/school

Located in the Lakes Area Family Center. Programs include: Adult education classes published three times during the school year; Kid Konnection, Greater Lakes Area Performing Arts; and computer access for the community in the Eclipse Teen Center. Director Rick Spiczka

Confidence Learning Center, (Camp Confidence)

6260 Mary Fawcett Memorial Drive
East Gull Lake, MN 56401
Contact: 218-828-2344
info@campconfidence.com
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.

We have many different programs and services, please check out our website for more details.

Cornerstone Christian School

41563 Birchwood Dr.
Emily, MN 56447
218-763-2939
Director: Mr. Earl Ready
cornerstone@emily.net

Cornerstone Online Academy provides quality distance learning education via the internet at affordable cost to students of Christian families who are looking for Christ-centered school program combined with a biblical word view.

Cornerstone Online Academy is open to elementary and high school students grade 3-12. Students may transfer from public or other private schools into C.O.A. as full time students. Homeschoolers may enroll in one or more C.O.A. courses, or may enter as full-time students continuing in the home school setting with professional teaching assistance. Cornerstone Online Academy is non-denominational and is open to enrollment of all races and national heritages. All instruction is in English.

Crossing Arts Alliance

711 Laurel Street
Brainerd, MN 56401
Contact: 218-833-0416
www.crossingarts.org

Our mission is to promote and enhance arts opportunities in the Central Lakes Area through facilities partnering and programming.

Crosslake Community School

P.O. Box 1079
Crosslake, MN 56442
Contact: 218-692-5437
clschool@crosslake.net

Kindergarten through 8th grade. Unique learning environment where children are given personal attention to explore their own limitless potential. Small class size, multi-age classrooms and beautiful grounds.

Crow Wing County Health Department

204 Laurel St. Suite 12
Brainerd, MN 56401
Contact: 218-824-1080
Toll-Free: 1-877-724-1080
www.co.crow-wing.mn.us/health/health.htm

Protect and promote health of general population by emphasizing prevention of disease, injury, disability and preventable death through promotion of effective coordination and use of community resources and extend health services to community. Pregnancy testing is available.

Crow Wing County Historical Society : Museum

320 Laurel Street
Brainerd, MN 56401
Contact: 218-829-3268
history@co.crow-wing.mn.us

Since 1927, the Historical Society has been collecting and preserving the history of Crow Wing County. The Society manages and operates the county Museum housed in the old county jail and Sheriff's residence. The museum has exhibits on the history of the county from its early pioneer life to the logging railroad, mining and resort business open year round.

Cuyuna Regional Medical Center- Outreach Education Department

320 East Main Street
Crosby, MN 56441
Contact: 218-546-7000
1-888-487-6437
info@crosbymed.org
www.cuyunamed.org

Cuyuna Regional Medical Center's Outreach Education Department is a resource for the community, small businesses and industry, as well as health care providers. Course offerings include: American Heart Association CPR at all levels, First Aid, First Responder and refresher, EMT and refreshers, paramedic refresher and Safe Sitter.

Dept. of Children, Families & Learning, MN

1500 Hwy 36 W

Roseville, MN 55113

Contact: 651-582-1599

<http://cfl.state.mn.us/mde/index.html>

Works to help communities to improve the well-being of children through programs that focus on education, community services, prevention, and the preparation of young people for the world of work.

Diabetes Education, CLMC, P.A.

320 East Main Street

Crosby, MN 56441

Contact: 218-546-4378

Toll-Free: 1-888-487-6437

Individual and group education. Call for class specifics.

Diabetes Resource Program- SJMC

2024 S. 6th St.

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: Teri Veith, RN , 218-828-7412

teri.veith@sjmcmn.org

Offers group and individual sessions to people with diabetes and their families. We strive to help you cope with the day-to-day challenges of living with diabetes. Sessions are individualized and taught by a Diabetes Nurse Educator and a Registered Dietitian. Must have a doctor's referral. Call for information or a brochure.

Discovery Woods Montessori School

604 N 7th Street

Brainerd, MN 56401

218-828-8200

discoverywoods.com

Discovery Woods is a tuition-free public school using the individualized education model called Montessori. Discovery Woods Montessori School is dedicated to educational excellence, environmental stewardship, and personal growth. Our graduates will have the foundation to be lifelong learners and responsible leaders.

Our Mission is to provide the Brainerd Lakes Area families a choice for high quality elementary education based on Montessori philosophy with an environmental focus.

Our goals are to improve pupil learning and achievement, to increase learning opportunities, to encourage the use of different innovative teaching methods using Montessori principles. Please check out our website for more information.

Displaced Homemakers Program, META 5

501 West College Drive

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 828-2538

Toll-Free: 1-800-933-0346

A program to assist displaced homemakers with career planning and personal skill development, pre-employment preparation through support groups.

Early Childhood Center, Brainerd ISD #181

311 10th Avenue NE

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-454-5430

www.isd181.org

www.ecfe.mpls.k12.mn.us

The Early Childhood Center provides families with a place to learn, have fun and meet people. Programs include weekly classes for parents and children (0-5 yrs.) together, school readiness pre-school for children who qualify. Family resource center (books, videos, toys, and learning games), Early Childhood screening and Kindergarten Registration, Special Family Events.

Early Childhood Family Education, Crosby-Ironton

509 6th Ave NE

Deerwood, MN 56444

Contact: 218-545-8803

dsova@ci.k12.mn.us

Committed to life long learning. Early Childhood/School Readiness Program. There are a variety of adult education programs available.

Early Childhood Family Education, Pequot Lakes ISD# 186

3085 Olson St.

Pequot Lakes, MN 56472

Contact: 218-568-9224

www.ecfe.mpls.k12.mn.us

Provides families with a place to learn, have fun, and meet people. ECFE is for parents and their children between birth & 5 years old. Enhances and supports families in their efforts in raising children. Staffed by qualified teachers, licensed in Early Childhood and/or Parent Education and experienced well-trained assistants. Classes for children and adults, lending library, special family events, school readiness and early childhood screening.

Follow Along Program-TCC

2410 Oak St.
Brainerd, MN 56401
Contact: 218-829-2410
tccbrd@tccaction.com
www.tccaction.com

An Early Childhood Intervention System sponsored by the Crow Wing County Family Services Collaborative. Helps parents know if their child is playing, talking, growing, moving and acting like other children the same age. Fun activities, referrals to services, if needed. No cost to participate. Call for free brochure.

Head Start - TCC

2410 Oak St.
Brainerd, MN 56401
Contact: 218-829-2410
tccbrd@tccaction.com
www.tccaction.com

Serves children ages three years old to kindergarten. Child development activities provided in center based, home based or combination program. Includes nutritious snacks and lunches, bus transportation and assistance for children with disabilities. Head Start Centers are located in Brainerd and Crosby. Combination Head Start is in Pequot Lakes.

Independent School District #181- Brainerd

311 10th Ave NE
Brainerd, MN 56401
Contact 218-454-5400
www.isd181.org

Independent School District #182- Crosby

711 Poplar St.
Crosby, MN 56441
Contact: 218-545-8800 Ext. 8801

Independent School District #186- Pequot Lakes

30805 Olson St.
Pequot Lakes, MN 56472
Contact: 218-568-4996

Independent School District # 2174- Pine River/Backus

P.O. Box 610
Pine River, MN 56474
Contact: 218-587-8000

INFO-U, Univ. of MN Extension Service, CWC Office

326 Laurel St.
Brainerd, MN 56401
Contact: 218-824-1065

Toll-Free: 24-hour help call the answer line @ 1-800-525-8636.

Contact the local office to get a current listing of prerecorded topics. Then, dial the 800#, enter the 3-digit code number and hear a message.

Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library

101 1st Street SE
Crosby, MN 56441
Contact: Head Librarian - Abby Smith, 218-546-8005
hallett@hallettlibrary.com
www.hallettlibrary.org

Fall/Winter Hours (Labor Day-Memorial Day)

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10 am – 8 pm

Wednesday: 10 am – 6 pm

Thursday: 10 am – 8 pm

Friday/Sat.: 10 am – 2 pm

Spring/Summer Hours (Memorial Day-Labor Day)

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10 am – 8 pm

Wednesday: 10 am – 6 pm

Thursday: 10 am – 8 pm

Friday: 10 am – 6 pm

Items for checkout include books, audiobooks, CDs, DVD's, magazines, and pamphlets. Reference assistance, meeting rooms, story hours for pre-school children. Available is teen area, 7 internet computers, wireless access, tax help, summer reading program for elementary students in July.

Kitchigami Regional Library System

310 2nd St. N
Pine River, MN 56474
Contact: 218-587-2171
www.krls.org

Regional public library system providing library service in the counties of Beltrami, Cass, Hubbard, Wadena and Crow Wing (except the cities of Crosby and Ironton). Services free to residents and/or taxpayers of the service area. Participates in the Minnesota State-wide Borrower's Card Compact. Governed by a board of representatives from the participating counties and cities. Mobile Library service year round. Schedule of stops available at public libraries in Bemidji, Blackduck, Brainerd, Cass Lake, Longville, Park Rapids, Pine River, Wadena, Walker, or on the KRLS website.

Lake Region Christian School

7398 Fairview Rd.
Baxter, MN 56425
Contact: 218-828-1226
www.lakeregionchristianschool.com

The mission of Lake Region Christian School is to teach the heart and mind of each student from a Biblical world-view, to cultivate in every student an understanding of the importance of growing in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and to assist parents in preparing their children to faithfully serve their families, churches, businesses, and communities for God's glory. Preschool through grade 12 senior high school. Please check out our website for more information.

Lake Region Christian School Education Foundation

7398 Fairview Rd.
Baxter, MN 56425
Contact: 218-828-1226
www.lakeregionchristianschool.com

Our mission is to support Lake Region Christian School through scholarships and classroom enhancements.

Lakes Area Family Center

30805 Olson St.
Pequot Lakes, MN 56472
Contact: Director: Rick Spiczka, 218-568-9200

Family Center housing a variety of programs for the Pequot Lakes area. These include: Community Education, Eclipse Teen Center, ECFE, Early Childhood Special Ed., School Readiness, Youth Sports, Kinship Partners, TCC Headstart, Crow Wing County Public Health, Alateen, Volunteer Coordinnator's office.

Lakes Area Unlimited Learning

470 8th Street, NE
Crosby, MN
Contact: 218-546-2616
Unlimitedlearning.net

Unlimited Learning is a non-profit organization that provides learning opportunities for area residents. Over 20 active volunteers organize and market programs. Unlimited Learning works with other groups that specialize in learning for mature adults, such as the Minnesota Humanities Commission, Minnesota International Center and Elderhostel. Unlimited Learning hopes to create a positive environment where different views are expected and encouraged.

Learning Center Parenting Program

311 10th Ave NE
Brainerd, MN 56401
Contact: 218-829-2915
kathy.hahn@isd181.org

A part of the individualized education plan for pregnant and parenting teens. Designed to assist in meeting the requirements for a High School diploma. Offerings include maternal health, postpartum education, child development and parenting classes. Transportation and on-site babysitting are available.

Learning Resource Center - Central Lakes College/Library

501 West College Drive
Brainerd, MN 56401
Contact: 218-855-8180
218-855-8000
Toll-Free: 1-800-933-0346
www.clc.mnscu.edu

On-line catalog, books magazines, journals, Federal government documents, MN documents, Minitex book and magazine ordering. Home to the Heritage Center, Rosenmeier Center, Center for the Americas, Humphry Center for American Indian Studies.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving, (MADD)- CWC Chapter

601 NW 5th Street Ste 2
P.O. Box 267
Brainerd, MN 56401
Contact: 218-828-5055 (24-hour answering machine)
Nationwide Hotline: 1-877-MADD-HELP

MADD's mission is to stop drunk driving, to support the victims of this violent crime, and to prevent under-age drinking. Trained victim advocates available to assist victims through the court process. Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except July and August) at 7 pm at the Old Trail Bldg., 601 NW 5th St., behind the Brainerd Dispatch Bldg.

Nisswa Community Children's Library

Nisswa Elementary School
5533 County Rd. 18
Nisswa, MN 56468
Contact: 218-963-2288

Offers access to print collection and internet access after school hours and on Saturdays. Adult Best Seller Fiction Selection available for check out. Public hours from 3:30-7 PM Mon. through Fri. Also 10 AM - 2 PM on Sat. Summer hours to be established. Contact: Sheree Hansen during school hours; Shirley Barten or Rhoda Drake after school hours and Saturdays.

Northland Arboretum

14250 Conservation Dr.
Brainerd, MN 56401
Contact: 218-829-8770
northlandarb.org

Northland Arboretum is a 501©(3) non-profit organization dedicated to getting the community involved in and aware of nature. We have a wide, beautiful area for you and your family to explore. We have a peaceful walk on our nature trails, or take your mountain bike for a ride. Winter time? We've got that covered too! You can cross country ski on our spectacular groomed snow covered trails. Snowshoe or winter hike on non-groomed trails. Check out our website for upcoming activities.

Nutrition Education Program, University of MN Extension Service

326 Laurel St.
Brainerd, MN 56401
Contact: 218-824-1065
crowwing@extension.mn.umn.edu

Homemakers, youth and adults are taught how to stretch food resources to eat well on a little money.

P.A.C.S. Charter School

P.O. Box 130
Pillager, MN 56473
Contact: 218-746-3875

Project-based charter school. Grades 9-12.

Paul Bunyan Education Cooperative

315 Charles St.
Brainerd, MN 56401
Contact: 218-855-5529
gaynand.brown@brainerd.k12.mn.us
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.

Paul Bunyan Toastmasters

1456 Pike Bay Rd.
Gull Lake, MN 56401
Contact: 218-829-1524

Promotes better speaking and communications, leadership and organizational skills. Open meetings held every Friday morning at Sawmill Inn, Brainerd. Also have an active speakers bureau - call for a list of speakers and topics available.

Perpich Center for Arts Education

6125 Olson Memorial Hwy.
Golden Valley, MN 55422
Contact: 763-591-4700
Toll-Free: 1-800-657-3515
www.pcae.k12.mn.us

A Minnesota executive branch agency including the Arts High School, Professional Development Institute and Learning Resource Center focusing on the arts.

Seventh-Day Adventist School

3014 Oak Street
Brainerd, MN 56401
218-828-9660
angi35.adventistschoolconnect.org

The Oak Street Christian School family exists to show children Jesus, nurture their love for Him and others, teach them to think, and empower them to serve.

The Oak Street Christian School is operated by the Seventh-Day Adventist Church to provide a spiritually orientated education for children. A belief in the existence of the Creator God is fundamental in the philosophy of Seventh-day Adventist schools. We respect His divine authority and recognise His intervention in human affairs. We believe. Please check out our website for more information.

St. Francis of the Lakes Catholic School

817 Juniper Street
Brainerd, MN 56401
218-829-2344
stfranciscatholicschool.org

Every child is unique gift from God. St. Francis of the Lakes Catholic School provides more personal attention to every student. Every child does better in an individualized and caring environment.

At St Francis "religion" is more than a subject. It is integrated into every aspect of our day through prayer, Christian formation, example, pastoral visits, active participation in Mass, stewardship and so much more. "The various school subjects do not present only knowledge to be attained, but also values to be acquired and truths to be discovered." St. Francis offers an environment "in which faith, culture and life are brought into harmony".

We are leading our students to have a successful future. Academically, our students are ranked higher than the national average in every class and in every subject!

Preschool – 8th grade. Please check out our website for more information.

Region 5 Child Care Resource & Referral

P. O. Box 566

Wadena, MN 56482

Contact: 320-629-5142

Toll-Free: 1-800-422-7395

CCR&R@pinetch.edu

Serving the counties of Crow Wing, Cass, Todd, Morrison and Wadena. Assisting parents in locating child care, technical assistance to early childhood care and education providers, training, grant programs, etc. Work with employers and communities to evaluate child care supply and demand. CCR&R has listing of all licensed family child care providers and licensed child care centers in Crow Wing County.

Rosenmeier Center, CLC

501 West College Drive

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-855-8191

Toll-Free: 1-800-933-0346

mceriell@clcmn.edu

Mission: To proactively inform, educate, and encourage citizens of central Minnesota to participate in effective governance, planning, and leadership.

U of M Extension Service Crow Wing County

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Brainerd, MN 56401-3500

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mnext-crowwing@umn.edu

The University of Minnesota Extension Service provides educational programs and information to Crow Wing County citizens and communities. Programs in Youth Development and Family Living, Land, Food and Environment, and Community Development focus on issues where research-based education makes a difference.