

Helping parents advocate for their children's success

PONTIAC PARENT UNIVERSITY

RESOURCE GUIDE



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How To Use This Guide

This guide is designed to help parents find services that they might find useful in providing assistance for their children's success. Each service is separated by its type and has a detailed description of who they are and what specific service that they offer. Also, with a few exceptions each service is within the immediate Pontiac area. We also hope that other community members and professionals will find this guide useful.

Included is a notes page to write down important information if you happen to contact one of the services listed.

General Services: These services cover a wide variety of areas and are a great place to start when looking for assistance.

Health Services: These services are centered on general health and or disability services.

Legal Services: Features resources that can provide legal assistance in case the need arises.

Job/Financial Services: This section focuses on job and career search and financial planning.

Extracurricular/Activities: These are organizations that offer children opportunities to become involved in a variety of activities that keep them engaged afterschool.

Daycares: If you have younger children these are a few of the area options for daycares.

Educational Resources: These resources are useful for supplementing your child's learning or helping them improve in an area where they can be stronger. Also these resources great for keeping your child engaged during the summer.

Scholarships/College Advice: These resources can help in making the transition into college less stressful for both you and your child.

If you have any feedback or suggestions for this guide feel free to email **Jljohnso@oakland.edu** or call **248-370-2450** and help us to continually improve on it.

General Services

Baldwin Center

212 Baldwin Ave., Pontiac, MI 48342

248-332-6101 | Baldwincenter.org

The Baldwin Center is a nonprofit 501(c) 3 organization that offers more than 25 support programs that meet basic needs, offers assistance in a crisis, provides education and enrichment opportunities for adults and children, and serves as a safety net.

Services include:

- **After School Enrichment**
 - This program provides tutoring, help with homework, a meal, recreation and enrichment for 30 elementary and middle school children from the surrounding neighborhood.
- **Summer Lunches**
 - The Baldwin Center provides free lunches during the summer to neighborhood children through Meet Up & Eat Up sites around Pontiac. The children participating in the summer enrichment camp also receive breakfast and snack in addition to lunch.
- **Summer Enrichment Day Camp**
 - The Summer Enrichment Day Camp is a six-week summer program for 45 students transitioning to second through sixth grades.
- **Baby Food & Formula**
 - Thanks to generous donations, the Baldwin Center is able to provide baby food and infant formula to local families. Donations of baby food or formula can be dropped off at the Soup Kitchen entrance Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 5 pm.
- **Adult Education**
 - Also, they provide adult education and GED preparation for neighborhood adults. For GED preparation, they have self-paced GED software you can use in their computer lab or any other computer with Internet access. All of this is offered on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 12 o' clock noontime.
- **Clothes Closet**
 - The Clothes Closet provides a wide range of clothing, shoes and winter weather items to area men, women and children. The Baldwin Center also welcomes people from HAVEN, a local domestic violence shelter, and other area partners.

Centro Multicultural La Familia

35. W. Huron, Suite 500, Pontiac. MI, 48342

248-858-7800 | Centromulticultural.org

Centro Multicultural La Familia offers **culturally and linguistically competent services** in the areas of mental health, substance abuse, domestic violence, home-based Early Head Start and Great Parents parenting programs, Integrated Care for patients with a

chronic medical condition in collaboration with St. Joseph Hospital, support and interpretation for pregnant women at Clinica de la Mujer, and Parent Education workshops.

Services include:

- **Assistance with Medicaid Applications and Health Coordination**
- **Women’s Center**
- **Ventanilla de Salud Health Education**
- **Home-Based Parenting Programs:**
- **Mental Health Services**
- **Substance Abuse Services**

Department of Human Services

235 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, MI 48342

248-975-5200 | Michigan.gov/mdhhs

The Department of Health and Human Services offers assistance with food, money, children’s health, childcare, Medicaid, and other services. Many services can be applied to at mibridges.michigan.gov/access/.

Services Include:

- **Food Assistance**
- **Child Care Assistance**
- **Health Care Coverage**
- **Woman, Infants and Children (WIC)**
- **Abuse and Neglect**
- **Child Support**
- **Hope for a Home**
- **MI Rehabilitation Service**
- **And others**

The Dream Center of Pontiac

830 Auburn Ave., Pontiac, MI 48342

248-499-6416 | Dcofmi.org

The Dream Center is nonprofit organization that serves the homeless, low-income, at risk youth and struggling families by offering various services and resources to the community.

Services include:

- **A medical and dental clinic**
- **Elementary tutoring**
- **Literacy program**
- **Food pantry**
- **Clothes closet**
- **School supplies**
- **Boxes of Love Thanksgiving meals**
- **Coat Drives**

Easter Seals

2399 E. Walton Blvd., Auburn Hills, MI 48326

248-475-6300 | Easterseals.com

Easter Seals provides services for children and adults with mental or physical disabilities. Each Easter Seals facility works with the specific needs of a community in mind.

Services include:

- **Accessibility Resources**
- **Autism Services**
- **Camping & Recreation**
- **Day Care**
- **Employment & Training**
- **In-Home Care**
- **Mental Health Services**
- **Therapy**
- **Veteran Reintegration**
- **Senior Career Employment**
- **Respite Services**

Hispanic Outreach

76 Williams St., Pontiac, MI 48341

248-338-4250 | Ccsem.org/Hispanic-outreach/

The Hispanic Outreach provides educational and skill-building programs for Hispanic parents and children. Many of the services that the Hispanic outreach provides are of no cost or small fee. Day care services are also available for children.

Services include:

- **Basic Needs Assistance**
- **Translation and interpretation services**
- **Education**
- **Referrals**
- **Legal**
- **Prenatal Care**
- **Mentorships**
- **Summer Programs**
- **Adult Education**
- **Governmental Program Case Management MBA**
- **Prevention Services**
- **Job Skills**
- **Financial Skills**

Lighthouse of Oakland County

46156 Woodward Ave., Pontiac, MI 48342

248-920-6000 | Lighthouseoakland.org

Emergency Assistance | Crisis Resolution: 248-920-6100; Ext.2200

Center for Working Families | 284-920-6000; Ext. 2200

Transitional Housing | 248-335-1950

Provides help attaining food, housing, utilities, medical assistance, and transportation for low-income individuals, seniors and families. They also provide transitional housing for women and children as they try to complete their education or find work, and permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals.

Services include:

- **Lighthouse Emergency Services (LES)**
 - Services for families and seniors who have immediate needs.
- **Lighthouse PATH**
 - A transitional supportive housing program designed to help homeless women and children gain the skills and confidence needed to live safely and independently.
- **Lighthouse Community Development (LCD):**
 - Housing development in the Unity Park neighborhood in Pontiac.
- **Homebuyer Education**
- **Free Tax Preparation – Seasonal**
- **Financial Education/Coaching**
- **Workforce Development**
- **Income Benefits**
- **Transitional Housing**
- **Children’s Services**
- **Life Skills and Empowerment Programs**

Oakland Family Services

114 Orchard Lake Rd., Pontiac MI, 48341

248-858-7766 | Oaklandfamilyservices.org

Oakland Family Services provides a number of services that help children to enter school and learn at no cost, as well as providing services to help parents with developing their child. Also they provide services for mental health, substance abuse, and domestic violence.

Services include:

- **Children’s Learning Center:**
 - Offers childcare services for children from 14 months to 5 years old.
- **Great Start Readiness Program**
 - Early Childhood development program for four-year-old Pontiac children.
- **Early On:**

- A program that performs developmental assessments and evaluations for any children three years old and under who are experiencing developmental delay, or have a physical or mental condition that would result in a developmental delay, at no cost.
- **Fussy Baby:**
 - Home based educational support services for infants up to three years that have difficulty with self-regulation.
- **Parents as Teachers:**
 - Provides parents with information on child development and involves parents in learning activities with their child. This program serves Oakland County families with children six and under looking to increase knowledge in parenting skills and child development.
- **Mental Health Treatment**
- **Adolescent Substance Abuse**
- **Alcohol and Drug Treatment**
- **Women’s Specialty Substance Abuse Treatment Program**
- **Specialized Services For Youth**

Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency (OLHSA)

196 Cesar E. Chavez Ave., Pontiac, MI 48342

248-209-2600 | Olhsa.org

OLHSA is the largest private nonprofit agency delivering human services to Oakland and Livingston Counties. OLHSA has a comprehensive set of services, focusing on meeting the basic needs of senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and people suffering from economic hardship. Our broad range of connected services empowered more than 13,000 clients last year to reach or maintain self-sufficiency. Their services address specific needs in Oakland and Livingston County communities.

Services include:

- **Chore Services:** Home assistance for adults 60 years and older.
- **Health Insurance Help:** Assistance navigating the health insurance market.
- **Emergency Food Assistance:** Free emergency food and nutrition assistance at no cost.
- **Emergency Utility Assistance Program:** Assistance with utility shut off notice or one that is pending
- **Michigan Benefits Access:** Assistance in signing up for State benefits.
- **Resource Advocacy:** Assistance Filling Medicare and Medicaid and Senior Citizen Referral.
- **Michigan Enrolls:** Health care education and outreach, and Medicaid enrollment.
- **Early Head Start:** Daycare services.
- **Energy Education:** Information about energy saving to help participants’ lower utility bills through energy saving behavior.
- **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG):** A resource and support group for grandparents age 55 and older who are raising grandchildren.

- **Great Start Readiness Program:** School readiness program for 4 year olds.
- **Head Start:** A preschool experience for 3 to 5 year olds.
- **Head Start Connections Program:** A program to help parents and their preschool aged child maintain a relationship in the event of an incarceration or separation.
- **Home Ownership Counseling and Assistance:** Homebuyer's education class.
- **Weatherization Assistance program:** Free energy conservation services for eligible low-income households.
- **Referral programs**
- **Emergency Rent or Mortgage Assistance**
- **Financial Management Education**
- **Foreclosure Prevention and Property Tax Delinquency Education**
- **And others!**

Call or visit the OLHSA website to get specific information and requirements for programs and services.

Pontiac Youth Assistance

Whitmer Human Resource Center, Community Level/ Suite 2

60 Parkhurst, Pontiac, MI 48342

248-451-7549 | Pontiacyouthassistance.org | email: linda.taylor@pontiacschools.org

The mission of the Pontiac Youth Assistance is to strengthen families and youths and prevent the incidence of delinquency, abuse and neglect through community involvement. Services include short term counseling, mentoring, student enrichment funding, holiday assistance and referrals to community resources.

Services include:

- **Annual Breakfast Meeting**
- **Annual Youth Recognition**
- **Student Enrichment (Skill Building) Program**
- **Summer Camps**
- **Bowl -A - Thon Fundraiser**
- **Mentor's P.L.U.S.**

Salvation Army

469 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. S., Pontiac, MI 48342

248-334-2407 | Thesalvationarmyusa.org

The Salvation Army is a non-profit Christian organization that offers a variety of services that focuses on improving communities. The Salvation Army operates 7,546 centers in communities across the United States. These include food distribution, disaster relief, rehabilitation centers, anti-human trafficking efforts, and a wealth of children's programs.

Services Offered at the Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd Facility:

- **Community Recreation & Education Programs**
- **Food & Nutrition**

- **Emergency Financial Assistance**
- **Food & Nutrition Programs**
- **Seasonal Services**
- **Casework Services**
- **Camping Activities**
- **Visitation Services**
- **Worship Services - Church**
- **Worship Services - Sunday school**
- **Women's Ministries**
- **Character Building Programs**
- **Community Recreation Programs**
- **Day Camp Activities**
- **Latchkey Programs**

Health Services

Common Ground

32E, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341

Resource and Crisis Line: 800-231-1127

Youth Programs: 248-547-2260

Legal Clinic: 248-451-2629 or 1-248-8150 | Commongroundhelps.org

Common Ground is a crisis line agency that serves individuals and families in crisis, victims of crime, persons with mental illness, people trying to cope with critical situations and runaway and homeless youths. Most services are free of charge.

Services include:

- **Community Liaison Team:** Multidisciplinary team with expertise in identification and treatment of individuals who require mental health services.
- **Legal Clinic:** Free legal consultation, informed recommendations, and referrals
- **OACIS (Oakland Assessment and Crisis Intervention Services):** Recovery oriented face-to-face assessment crisis intervention, and stabilization service.
- **Mental Health First Aid Training**
- **The Sanctuary:** A 3-week residential counseling program for runaways and youths in crisis from age 10-17, with the goal of reuniting youths with their families.
- **Counseling Program:** Outpatient and in-home counseling for individuals and families with 10-17 year olds.
- **Victim Assistance Program:** 24 -hour access to counselors and advocates for victims of crime, domestic and sexual abuse and workplace violence.
- **And More**

F.A.I.R. (Friends Assisting In Recovery)

30 E. Montcalm St., Pontiac, MI 48342

248-334-6667 | Pontiacfair.com

A nonprofit organization that provides services those who are diagnosed with mental illnesses, and allows them to socialize warm and secure environment.

Services include:

- **Breakfast and Lunch**
- **Religion Workshops**
- **12 Step Program**
- **Women's Group**
- **Men's Group**
- **Haircut Services**
- **Computer Access and Lessons**
- **Member Transportation**
- **Arts and Crafts**
- **Gardening**
- **Pool Tournaments**
- **Chair Fitness Work Outs**
- **Movie Day and others...**

Family Focus Health Clinic

3129 Park Meadow Dr., Lake Orion, MI 48362

248-639-4250 | Cgrave9.wixsite.com/familyfocushealth

Family Focus Health Services is a Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) provider. Its services are focused on helping pregnant women and their children. Their services are free, voluntary and covered by Medicaid. A care coordinator will meet with you in your home and will help you with things such as: scheduling a doctor visit, setting up transportation, locating the nearest WIC facility, providing a car seat or help with any other prenatal or infant needs you have.

Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic

45580 Woodard Ave., Pontiac, MI 48341

248-309-3752 | Garyburnsteinclinic.org

The Dr. Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic (GBCHC) provides healthcare to members of the community at no cost. The GBCHC is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization, dedicated to meeting the health care needs of low-income, underinsured, and uninsured residents of Oakland, Macomb, and Wayne Counties within Southeast Michigan.

To receive services from this clinic you must be:

- 18-65 Years old.
- At or below 250% Federal Poverty Level.
- Uninsured.

To become a patient:

- Supply your most recent financial information as one of the following.
 - 1040 or 1040ez (tax return).
- Proof of non-filing status from the IRS For those who did not file taxes last year or have no income. The IRS can be reached at 1-800-829-1040
- Supply a valid, government issued, picture ID (drivers license, state ID, prison ID, or green card).
- Letter of Denial from Medicaid.
- Intake Packet downloaded from website at garyburnsteinclinic.org/Become-A-Patient, which includes the following:
 - Completed Patient Registration.
 - Completed Patient History.
 - Completed Patient Consent Contract.
 - Completed Release of Medical Information.

Services include:

- **Family Medicine**
- **Internal Medicine**
- **Dental Work/Dental Hygiene**
- **Podiatry**
- **Gynecology**

- **Chiropractic**
- **Ophthalmology**
- **ENT**
- **Neurology**
- **Patient Assistant Program (Prescription Support)**
- **Physical Therapy**
- **Rheumatology**
- **In-house Pharmacy**
- **Infectious Disease**
- **Health Care Advocate**
- **Lab Work**
- **Dermatology**

Healthy Pontiac

Oakland County Health Division, 1200 N. Telegraph, Bldg 34E, Pontiac, MI 48341

248-858-8810 | Facebook.com/healthypontiac.mi | Healthypontiac.org

Healthypontiac@gmail.com

Healthy Pontiac is a diverse group of primary and preventative healthcare professionals, mental health experts, human service agency specialists, educators, clergy, government leaders, and local residents. Oakland County Health Division formed the HPWC coalition in 2011 to help Pontiac residents gain access to health food, become active, and live tobacco free.

Services include:

Fresh Produce Market

Walk with Leaders

Pop up Fitness

Low Impact Aerobics

Free Summer Soccer

Recipe demonstrations

And more...

Oakland Primary Health Services

46156 Woodward Ave., Pontiac, MI 48342

248-322-6747 | OaklandPrimaryHealthServices.org

Oakland Primary Health Services aims to provide quality and culturally sensitive primary and preventive health care services to the medically under-served in Pontiac and surrounding communities, including the uninsured, under-insured and those with ability to pay. If you have private insurance, you will need a referral from your insurance agency, which you can call and request. It is recommended you do this before going to the clinic. If you are uninsured, you do not need a referral.

Services are not free

Services include:

- **Primary Health Care**
- **Preventive Care**
- **Mental Health Care**
- **Comprehensive Health Assessment**
- **Vision and Hearing Screening**
- **Medication**
- **Immunization**
- **Treatment of Acute Illness**
- **Co-management of Chronic Illness**
- **Health Education**
- **Medicaid Outreach and Enrollment**
- **Oral Health Services or Referral**
- **Referral for Specialty Care**

Legal Services

Legal Aid and Defender Associates

Oakland Towne Center, 28 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac, MI 48342

248-253-1548 | ladadetroit.org

Legal Aid and Defender Associates provide free civil legal services to low and moderate-income people for residents of metropolitan Detroit.

Michigan Legal Help

Michiganlegalhelp.org

The Michigan Legal Help website was created to help people who have to handle simple civil legal problems without a lawyer. There are articles you can read to learn about a specific area of the law and toolkits to help you prepare to represent yourself in court. Some forms are completed automatically once you answer simple questions. The Michigan Legal Help website does not provide legal advice, and it is not a substitute for having a lawyer. If you need more help, you can search the website for a lawyer or community services in your area. The website does not cover all areas of law, but is adding more information all the time.

Job/Financial Services

Career Dress

55 W. Huron St., Pontiac, MI 48342

248-481-8276 | Careerdress.org

Referral Only

Career Dress assists women who have a job interview scheduled or are in a job-training program by providing them free professional outfits. This service is referral only and their clients come from over 40 different agencies, including State of Michigan Welfare-to Work programs, Michigan Rehabilitation Services, Department of Human Services, homeless, domestic Abuse, and drug rehabilitation facilities. They provide clothing for a variety of industries (including scrubs for the medical fields, uniforms for restaurant workers, work boots, etc....).

Community Action Alliance W.R.A.P. (Water Residential Assistance Program)

313-386-WRAP (9727) | Waynometro.org/wrap

The WRAP's mission is to administer the distribution of WRAP funding to the eligible, low-income customers of the Great Lakes Water Authority regions by giving them access to bill assistance, water conservation measures, and to help them navigate resources and WRAP-around supports.

Program Benefits:

- Assistance up to \$1,000 per household per year, \$25 monthly bill credit and help with arrearages.
- Home water audit for households above 120% of average usage.
- Home repairs of up to \$1,000 per household to fix minor plumbing issues leading to high usage.
- Water saving kits and consumer training classes.
- Supportive WRAP-Around Services.

WRAP Participants Qualifications:

- Have Income at or below 150% of poverty threshold.
- Provide proof of residency and income.
- Provide renters proof of responsibility for water on lease.
- Stay current on monthly bill payments

Labor Ready

39 S. Glenwood Ave., Pontiac, MI 48342

248-332-5555 | Laborready.com

Labor Ready is a Temporary Work agency that tries to pair workers to jobs in a variety of work industries. ***It will soon merge with its sister companies and will be called PeopleReady.***

Labor Ready specializes in these industries:

- **Manufacturing Services**
- **Waste and Recycling**
- **Hospitality Services**
- **Auto Services**
- **Construction Services**
- **Disaster Recovery**
- **Events and Venues**
- **Retail Services**
- **Logistics Services**

Michigan Works

2850 N. Perry St., Pontiac, MI 48340

248-276-1777 | Michiganworks.org

The Michigan Works! System is the state employment agency that provides career management, training, and job placement for those seeking work. They also offer advertisement, training support, talent recruitment, and resume sorting for employers.

Pure Michigan Talent Connect

MITALENT.ORG

An online marketplace connecting to Michigan's job seekers and employers, it serves as a central hub linking all public and private stakeholders who support Michigan's workforce.

RJ Credit Associates

30 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac, MI 48342

248-451-1533 | [Facebook.com/rjcreditassociates](https://www.facebook.com/rjcreditassociates)

R.J Credit Associates is a credit and debt-counseling group. They help with credit repair, defaulted student loans, garnishments, levies, budgets and more.

Programs include:

- **Credit Repair**
- **Credit and Debt Counseling**
- **BK precourses**
- **First time homebuyers credit preparation,**
- **Budget discipline**
- **Home Loan Modification**

Extracurricular/Activities

The Art Experience, Inc.

175 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac, MI 48342

248-706-3304 | Theartexperience.org

The Art Experience is a community art center that focuses on art therapy to help those who are dealing with and recovering from mental illness, substance abuse, those with some form of impairment, and at-risk children.

They also offer Open Studio for any one in the general community to come in and create art, along with specialized programs.

The Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan

220 S. Squirrel Rd., Auburn Hills, MI 48326

248-852-1336 | Bgca.org

The boys and girls club provides after school programs and activities for youth age 18 and under. The Club is centered on building character and creating opportunities for the youths that it serves.

Services include:

- **Education and Career Programs**
- **Character and Leadership Programs**
- **Health and Life Skills**
- **Art Programs**
- **Sports, Fitness and Recreation Programs**
- **And others.**

Center for Success

245 E. Rundell St., Pontiac, MI 48342

248-977-2492 | Cfspontiac.org

The Center for Success is a nonprofit organization that provides after school programs, literacy, parental development courses and more for the underprivileged youth of the city.

Creative Arts Center

47 Williams St., Pontiac, MI 48341

248-333-7849 | Pontiac.mi.us/about/creative_arts/

The Pontiac Creative Arts Center is a non-profit organization serving the North Oakland community area with art education, art programs and exhibitions. Ongoing exhibits are presented; classes, summer Confetti Camp and various community events are held during the year. In addition, the Arts Center supports local schools by presenting workshops and performances and by sending artists in to the school to hold art classes.

Pontiac Public Library

60 E. Pike St., Pontiac, MI 48342

248 -758-3842 | Pontiac.lib.mi.us

The Pontiac Public Library is committed to providing comprehensive print and electronic collections, and innovative technologies and programming designed to enrich life, stimulate intellectual curiosity, and encourage life-long learning.

Services include:

- **Book Club for the Visually Impaired**
- **Fresh Food Share Community Food Program**
- **ESL for Native Spanish Speakers**
- **Free Test Proctoring Service**
- **Free Computer Classes: Computer Basics, Internet Basics, Email Basics, Microsoft Word Basics, and One on One Computer Help.**
- **Minecraft Club**
- **Monthly Teen Movie**
- **Story Time**
- **Lego and Roblox Club**
- **Making Music... and More**

The Power Company Kids Club

530 E. Pike St., Pontiac, MI

248-253-1557 | Powercompanykidsclub.org

The Power Company is a Christian-based organization that works with inner city youth by providing weekly training and mentoring, in collaboration with parents, churches, community organizations, schools and civic leaders.

Services include:

- **Saturday Sessions.**
- **Home Visits**
- **Leadership Development**
- **School Assemblies**
- **Feeding Programs**
- **PCKC in the 'Hood**
- **Leadership Academy**
- **Project: Christmas Joy**

Project Excel

42700 Woodward Ave., Pontiac, MI 48342

248-451-6852 | excelfacebook@pontiac.k12.mi.us

www.pontiac.k12.mi.us/domain/41

Project Excel provides safe and fun afterschool programs and activities that will keep schools open during non-traditional hours (3:00pm-6:00pm) for their children.

Services include:

- **Academic Support Art Disciplines**
- **Technology**
- **Physical Activities**
- **Leadership Development**
- **Character Education**
- **Life Skills**
- **Career Planning**
- **Wellness and Nutrition**
- **Drug and Violence Prevention**
- **Entrepreneurial Skills**
- **STEM Initiatives**

Project Excel is offered at the following sites:

- **Alcott Elementary**
- **Herrington Elementary**
- **Owen Elementary School**
- **Rogers Elementary**
- **WHRC Elementary**
- **Pontiac Middle School**
- **Pontiac High School**

Project Upward Bound

S. Foundation Hall, Room 261

308 Meadow Brook Road Rochester, Michigan 48309-4454

248-370-3218 | wwwp.oakland.edu/upwardbound/

Project Upward Bound (PUB) is a multi-faceted college preparatory enrichment program. Serving 120 participants per program year (June 1 – May 30), PUB's mission is to provide academic, social, cultural, and career enrichment with a goal of participants entering and succeeding in higher education. To achieve this mission,

PUB's objectives focus on:

- **Grade Point Average Improvement**
- **Math and English Proficiency on the Michigan Merit Exam**
- **Retention in and Graduation from PUB and High School**
- **Success in a Rigorous High School Curriculum**
- **Postsecondary Enrollment**
- **Postsecondary Completion**

Perks of Membership

- **Parents and participants may receive counseling services at Oakland University's counseling Practicum Center at no charge**
- **Participants receive a small stipend for participation - just a little pocket change to recognize their effort**

- **Both participants and their parents are eligible to become members of the Oakland University Credit Union**
- **ACT and College Admission Fee Waivers**
- **Individualized assistance to find a good college fit and apply for college admission and complete the national financial aid application form (FAFSA)**
- **Possibility of summer jobs in PUB after completion of sophomore year in college**
- **Access to technology that you may not have at home or at school**

Programs include

- **Early Summer Academy**
- **Classic Summer Academy**
- **Academic Year Program**

Sherriff Police Athletic League Oakland County

1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Bldg. 38 East, Pontiac MI, 48341 - 1044

248-858-0775 | Sherriff Pal Facebook Page | Sherrifpal.com

The mission of the PAL Program is to create a safe environment and a structure within which law enforcement will support and inspire young people to reach their full potential, utilizing athletics and other programs geared to improving the lives of participants. Such programs promote self-confidence, self-esteem, civic engagement, academic achievement, and help create and form better members of Society.

Daycare Services

Bright Horizons at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Oakland

Open Enrollment

161 Bassett St., Pontiac MI 48341

Enrollment Information: 877-624-432

Phone: 248-858-6667 | child-care-preschool.brighthorizons.com/MI/Pontiac/stjoe

Hands of Hope Childcare Center

Parents must live at Grace Centers of Hope and are enrolled in the one-year life skills program, or have graduated from our one-year program and are going to school or working.

35 East Huron Street, Pontiac, MI 48342

(855) 435-7424

Kings Kids Preschool

Open Enrollment

1750 Baldwin, Auburn Hills, MI 48340

(248) 335-6011

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Open Enrollment

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Educational Resources

Tips

- Establish a routine/Make a plans: Working together with you child to establish a time and place to work can help improve their productivity, and setting goals for improvement can help them gain confidence in their abilities.
- Minimize distractions: and help them find a place where they study best: Finding a comfortable non-distractive space for studying can improve focus, keep your child's preference in mind.
- Knowing when to help: As your child improves in a subject you want to create space to where they are able to get through it themselves. This is also applicable to checking homework as well, as the goal is for them to understand the material.

General

Arcademics.com

Offers educational arcade games in various subjects

Kidsites.com

Has a list of various educational sites for kids of all ages and is broken down by categories ranging from math to science and many others.

PBS Parents (pbs.org/parents/)

Has educational activities, advice for parents, and games for children.

SingleMoms.org

A site that has resources and advice for single mothers with topics that ranges from career and parenting to relationships.

US Department of Education Parents

Has important advice and for parents in helping their children succeed through the education system.

Reading

Adlit.org

Has resources and information for parents who want to improve their child's reading and writing skill as well as info on college readiness and dropout prevention, for grades 4 -12

K12Reader.com

Has reading resources, activities, and worksheet materials children can use to practice their reading, writing, and vocabulary skills. For grades 1-12.

Scholastic.com

Offers a variety of reading resources for kids up to age 13.

Math**Khan Academy.com**

A Very popular learning resource that has free classes in a variety of subjects, and has a login for parents to keep track of their children.

Math.com

Offers basic and in-depth assistance with mathematics and resources for parents to help their children with math.

Patrickjmt.com

This site has free math videos covering Algebra, Arithmetic, Calculus, Differential Equations, Discrete Math, Linear Algebra, Probability and Statistics, and Trigonometry.

Paul's Online Math Notes (tutorial.math.lamar.edu)

These are notes from the author who teaches math classes at Lamar University, he has notes for Algebra, Calculus I, Calculus II, Calculus III, and Differential Equations.

Science**Ask Dr. Universe. (askdruniverse.wsu.edu)**

Is a site for younger children that answers questions about science. You can search through the questions already submitted or you can ask questions yourself. This site also answers questions about math.

Billnye.com

Under the educational resources section of this website, there are home science projects episode guides, and printable guides.

HowStuffWorks.com

This site offers wealth of information about the world and how it works.

College/Scholarship Resources

College

Mycollegeadvice.org: A personal blog that offers advice for current college students.

Mappingyourfuture.org: a website that has resources and online counseling for parents and students alike to help them navigate the college process. This site is for future and current students.

Scholarships

Tips

- **Apply to many:** The more you apply to the better chance you have of getting aid money.
- **Make sure essays are clear and concise:** Keep things on topic and make sure that you understand the audience you write for. There is nothing wrong with getting help with an essay, as long as it still sounds like the student's voice.
- **Look at the scholarships and programs for universities:** Schools often have specific scholarships and programs that can offer students from a few hundred dollars to a full ride. If you have specific colleges or universities in mind to attend see if they offer something,
- **Being involved in extracurricular activities is a plus:** Admissions offices and scholarship sponsors look for students who have backgrounds in diverse activities.

Financial Aid (Fafsa.ed.gov): The website where you can apply for government financial aid for college. **Note** of fafsa doesn't have the ed.gov domain name or asks you to pay money for its services it probably is fake.

Scholarships.com: Not only does it connect students to colleges, it features extensive information about financial aid.

StudentScholarshipSearch.com: Scholarship search engine that features a large database as well lists that are curated scholarship lists for specific student populations.

Fastweb.com: Provides information for millions of scholarships and offers various

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