



REFLECTORS

Special Needs Ministry

Care and Resource Booklet

2019 Edition



Dear Friend,

Thank you for checking out this Reflectors Ministry Care and Resource booklet. Within it, you will find bits of information and contacts for a plethora of resources. We hope this is a helpful first connect to the supports you're looking for. If this booklet is not sufficient or you have any other questions, please feel free to reach out to any of the members on the care team whose contact information you'll find on page 1.

Blessings!

Faith Church & Team  **REFLECTORS**



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Indiana Government Services

**BDDS District Office
Bureau of Developmental
Disabilities**

Lake & Porter County Office
110 W Ridge Rd,
Gary, IN 46408

Contact:

Phone: 219-981-5313
Toll Free: 877-218-3053

Website:

www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/2639.htm

**Northwest Indiana
Community Action**

5240 Fountain Dr
Crown Point, IN 46307

Contact:

Phone: 219-981-5313

Website:

<http://www.nwi-ca.com/>



Indiana Mental Health Services

**Campagna Academy:
Support Groups & Counseling
for Adolescents and Youth**

Contact:

Marci Brown
(219) 322.8614 x399
mbrown1@cahope.org

Website:

campagnaacademy.org/

Location:

Schererville, IN

**Chicago Christian Services
Counseling Services**

Contact:

(800) 361.6880

Website:

[chicagochristian
counseling.org](http://chicagochristiancounseling.org)

Location

South Suburbs &
Northwest Indiana

**Refuge Place: Support
Groups & Life Coaching**

Contact:

Tyler Burns
(773).420.6901
refugeplacenwi@gmail.com

Website:

[facebook.com/
refugeplacenwi](https://facebook.com/refugeplacenwi)

Location:

Northwest Indiana



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(800) 361.6880

Website:

**[chicagochristian
counseling.org](http://chicagochristian
counseling.org)**

Location

**South Suburbs &
Northwest Indiana**



Indiana Behavioral Support

Autism Home Support Services

Contact:

Brad Stepens
(219) 501.1729

brad@autismhomeservices.com

Website:

autismhomesupport.com

Location:

Schererville, IN

Life Strategies ABA Therapy

Contact:

(219) 359.3272

contact@lifestrategies.net

Website:

life-strategies.net

Locations:

Schererville & Chesterton



Indiana Disability Community Services

**Chasing Dreams:
Support Groups,
Education, Outings**

Contact:

(219).299.9049

denise@chasingdreams.org

Website:

chasingdreams.org

Location:

Merrillville, IN

**Down Syndrome Association:
Programs, Classes,
Community Outings**

Contact:

(219).838.3656

info@dsanwi.org

Website:

dsaofnwi.org

Location:

Highland, IN

**Girl Scouts of America
Inclusion**

Contact:

Christine Ward

(219).472.1960

cward@girlscoutsgcnwi.org

Website:

girlscoutsgcnwi.org

Location:

Northwest Indiana



Indiana Disability Community Services Continued...

**Kindermusik with Nancy:
Sensory Friendly
Music Class**

Contact:

Nancy Heheman
(219). 765.4363
kindermusikwithnancy
@gmail.com

Website:

nancy.yourvirtuoso.com

Location:

Dyer & Highland IN



Indiana Adult Services: Housing, Vocation, Day Programs

Tradewinds Services Housing/Vocational Services

Contact:

(219).945.0100
info@tradewinds
services.org

Website:

tradewindsnwi.org

Location

Merrillville, IN

InPact Inc: Housing & Vocational Services

Contact:

(219).662.1905
info@in-pact.org

Website:

in-pact.org

Location:

Crown Point, IN

Opportunity Enterprises: Housing & Vocational Services

Contact:

219.464.9621
info@oppent.org

Website:

oppent.org

Location:

Valparaiso, IN



Indiana Adult Services: Housing, Vocation, Day Programs

**Dungarvin:
Housing & Workshops**

Contact:
(574) 245-5400

Website
dungarvin.com

Location
Highland & Portage, IN



Indiana Employment Services

**Center of Workforce
Innovations:
Employment Services**

Contact:
(219) 462.2940

Website:
cwicorp.com/

Location:
Valparaiso, IN

Planting Possibilities Inc

Contact:
(219) 237-4804
[info@planting](mailto:info@plantingpossibilities.org)
[possibilities.org](http://plantingpossibilities.org)

Website
plantingpossibilities.org

Location:
Highland, IN



Indiana Education Supports

**Geminus Head Start
Educational Advocare
and Consultant**

Contact:

219.757.1800

geminus@geminus.org

Website:

geminus.org

Location:

Merrillville, IN



Indiana Long term planning/ Financial Planning

Harvest Financial Planning Financial Consulting

Contact:

Brian Smith
(219) 864-5050
brian@hfpllc.com

Website:

www.hfpllc.com

Location:

Schererville, IN

Geminus Corporation Support for Low- Income Families

Contact:

219.757.1800
geminus@geminus.org

Website:

geminus.org

Location:

Merrillville, IN

NorthWest Mutual Special Needs Consulting

Contact:

219-769-8474

Website:

[northwestern
mutual.com](http://northwesternmutual.com)

Location:

Merrillville, IN



Illinois Government Services

Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS)

Contact:
800-843-6154

Website:
www.dhs.state.il.us

Location:
401 South Clinton Street
Chicago, IL 60607

Easter Seals Society of Metropolitan Chicago

Contact:
(708) 429-8231

Website:
easterseals.com/chicago

Location:
17300 Ozark Avenue
Tinley Park, IL 60477



Illinois Adult Services

Bethshan Association

Contact:
708-371-0800

Website:
<http://bethshan.org/>

Location:
Palos Heights, IL

Trinity Services

Contact:
815-485-6197

Website:
trinityservices.org

Location:
New Lenox, IL



Illinois Mental Health Services

Chicago Christian Services Counseling Services

Contact:
800.361.6880

Website:
[chicagochristian
counseling.org](http://chicagochristiancounseling.org)

Location:
Tinley Park, Orland Park,
South Holland, IL

Grand Prarie Services Behaviorial Health Care

Contact:
708.444.1012

Website:
www.gpsbh.org

Location:
Flossmor, IL



Illinois Mental Health Services (ASD/ADD/ADHD Specialties)

Chicago Christian Services Counseling Services

Contact:

800.361.6880

Website:

chicagochristian
counseling.org

Location:

Tinley Park, Orland Park,
South Holland, IL



Illinois Behavioral Support

Inspire Behavioral Solutions BCBA Therapists

Contact:

shannon@inspire
behavioral.com
(815) 641-9187

Website:

facebook.com/inspire
behavioralsolutions

Location:

New Lenox, IL

Pathways Therapeutic Services

Contact:

(815) 770-5654

Website:

facebook.com/Pathways
therapeuticservices

Location:

Orland Park, IL

Leap Behavioral Consulting

Contact:

(708) 802-2036
hakeem@leapbehavior
consulting.com

Website:

leapbehavior
consulting.com

Location:

Tinley Park, IL



Illinois Behavioral Support

Howard Intervention Center

Contact:

708-794-6509

management@Howard
InterventionCenter.org

Website:

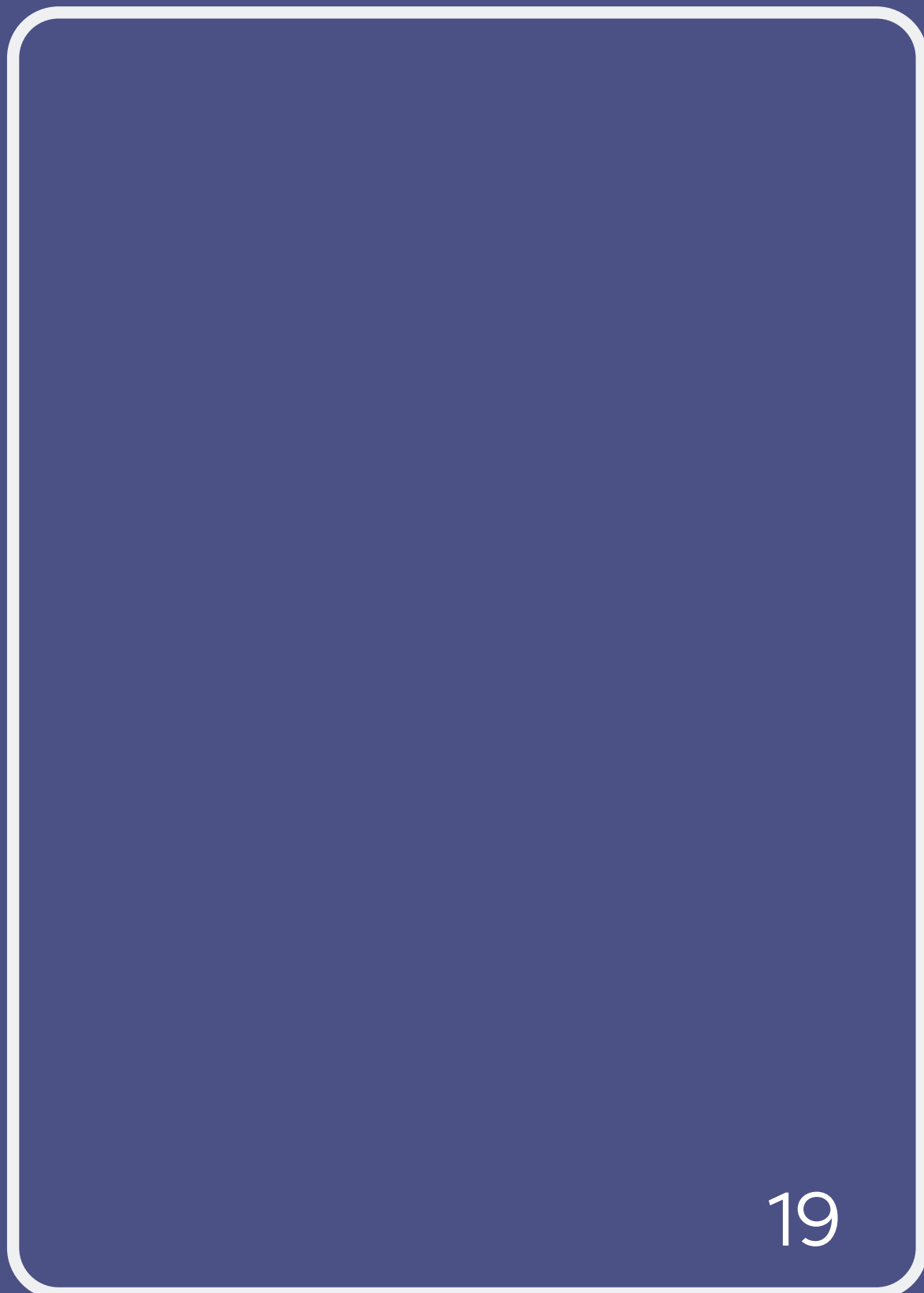
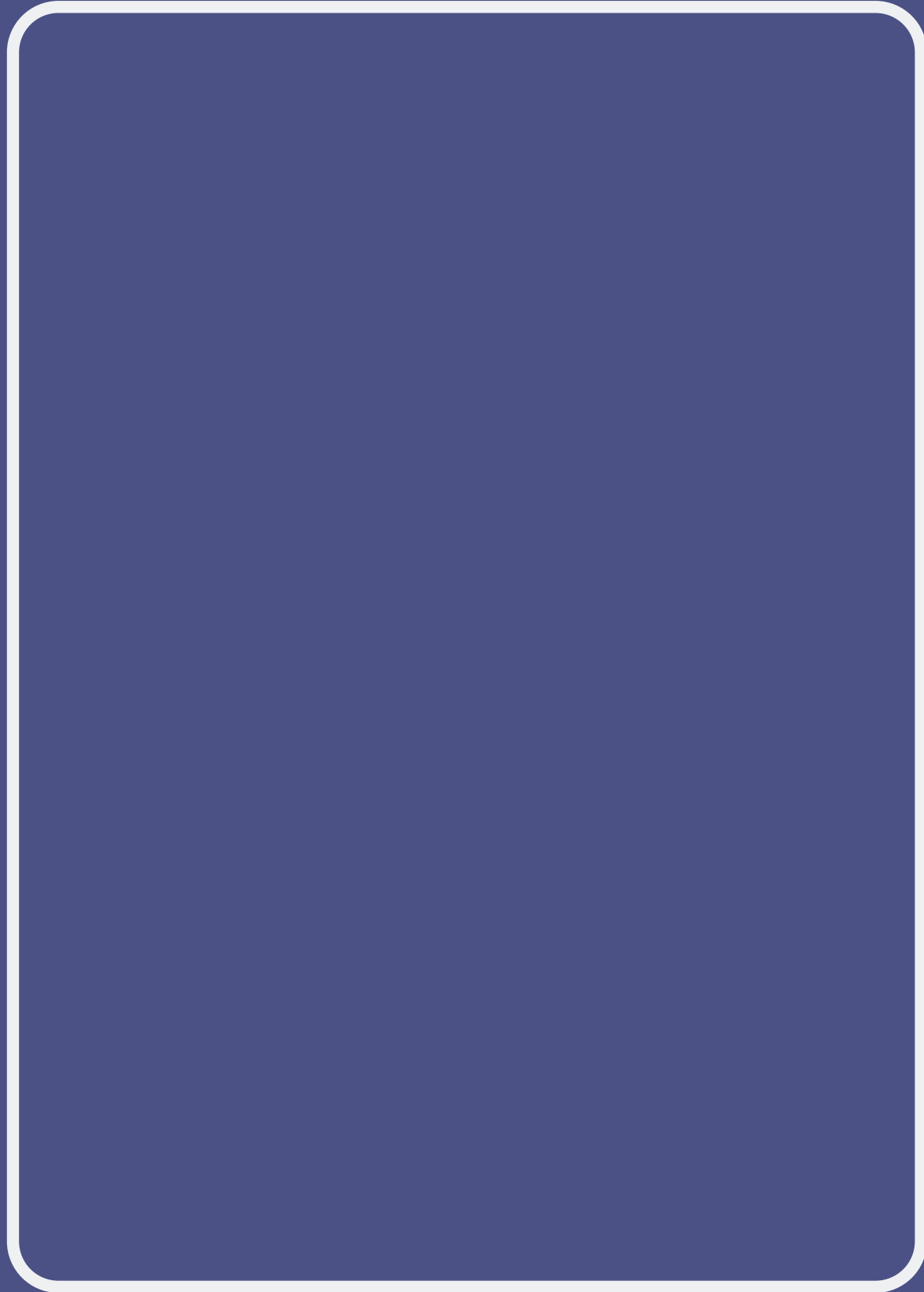
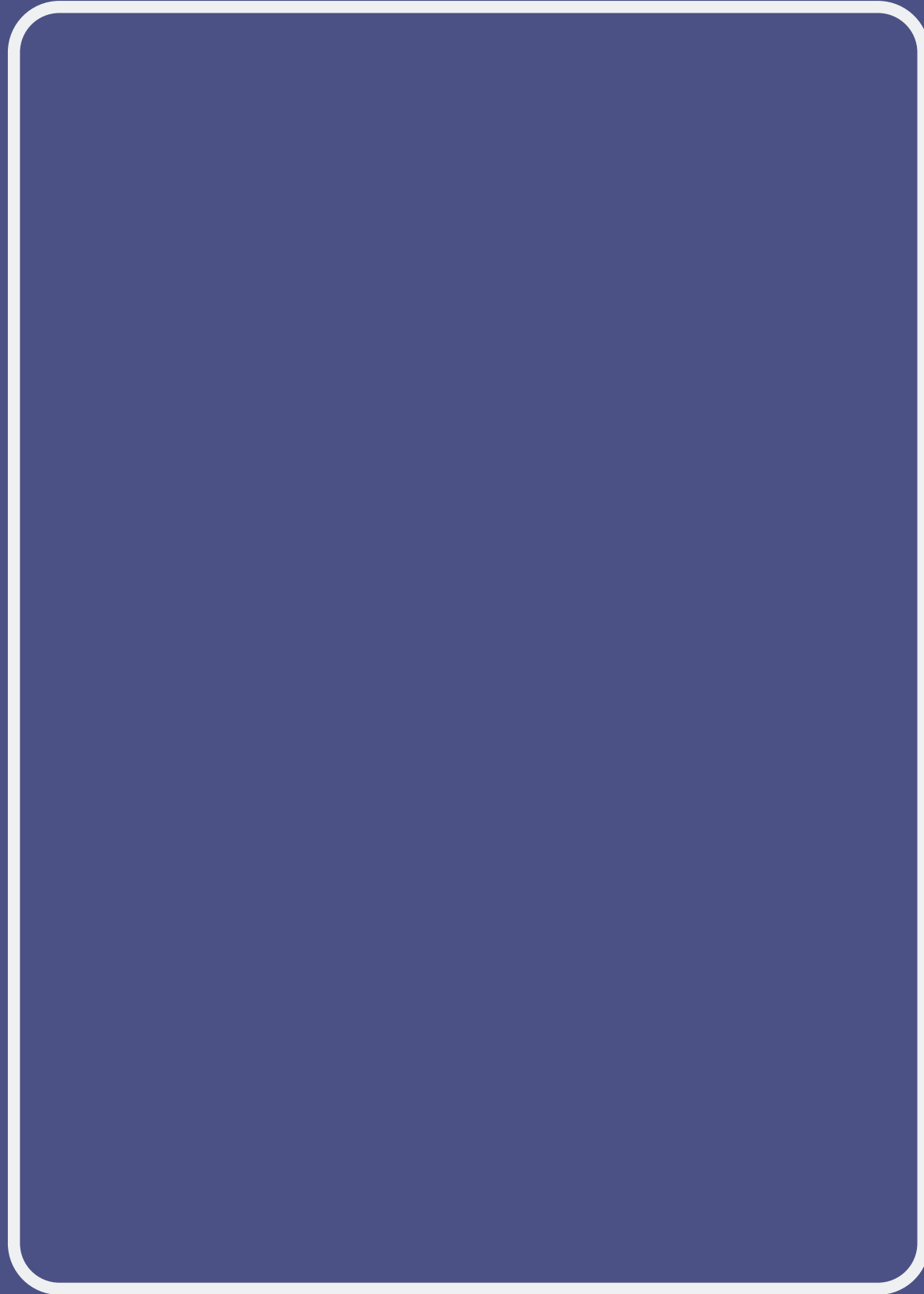
howardintervention
center.org

Location:

Homewood, IL



Illinois Employment Services





Illinois Education Supports and Services

Trinity Services Education Services

Contact:
(815).463.0719

Website:
trinity-services.org

Location:
New Lenox, IL

Elim Christian School

Contact:
708-389-0555

Website:
<http://www.elimcs.org/>

Location:
Crestwood, IL

Melinda Sterbenc: Advocate & Consultant

Contact:
geteducatedforadvocacy
@gmail.com
708-389-0555

Website:
geteducatedfor
advocacy.org

Location:
South Suburbs



Illinois Financial Assistance / Long Term Planning

Family Benefit Solutions Inc. Consulting

Contact:
847.279.8506

Website:
familybenefitsolutions.com

Location:
Buffalo Grove, IL

The Hillard Foundation Financial Support

Contact:
Fran Bell
312.315.4086
thehillardfoundation
@gmail.com

Website:
hillardeducation
foundation.org/grants/

Location:
Chicago, IL

Rubin Law: Trust Fund/Financial Long term planning/Consulting

Contact:
Brian, Mitch, & Benji Rubin
866.867.8246
email@rubinlaw.com

Website:
www.rubinlaw.com

Location:
Chicago, IL



Illinois Financial Assistance / Long Term Planning

**Wilson and Wilson
Consulting:
Trust Fund/Financial Long
Term planning/Consulting**

Contact:
708.482.7090

Website:
www.lagrangelaw.com

Location:
La Grange & Tinley Park, IL



Faith Church Resources: Support Groups

Card Connection

This Women's ministry makes cards to send to those that are ill, express sympathy, welcome a new baby, need encouragement, etc.

Location:

Faith Dyer Campus
1st Thursday of the month
(September–May)
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Contact Jeri at
darchsmom@gmail.com

Celebrate Recovery

Is open to everyone as a place of rescue, restoration, safety, and renewal for those seeking God's healing from life's hurts, hang-ups, and habits. Childcare for infants through 5 yrs old.

Locations

CEDAR LAKE Campus: Fridays, 6:30-8:30 pm
Contact Jim and Brenda at jnbgreenacres@comcast.net

DYER Campus: Tuesdays 7-9 pm, The Garage
Contact Jim at celebratererecovery@wearefaith.org

MUNSTER Campus: Fridays 7-9 pm, Room 200 Lower Level
Contact Jim at jrpaglis@yahoo.com 219-588-3606



Faith Church Resources: Support Groups Continued...

Celebration Place

Designed for K to 13 year-olds whose parents attend a group on Tuesday evening. Our hope is to make Jesus the foundation of their lives, breaking cycles of dysfunction through forgiveness and healing.

Locations

Faith Cedar Lake & Dyer
Tuesdays 7-9 pm
Contact Beckie at
bhayes@wearefaith.org

Faith MunsterMunster
Friday's 6:45-9 PM
Contact: Breanne at
bmitchell@wearefaith.org

Hurting Moms, Mending Hearts

This confidential ministry provides love, encouragement and hope to hurting moms.

Location

Faith Dyer
Mondays @ 6:30 pm
(10 week sessions)
Contact Karyn at
kjustice@wearefaith.org

Fresh Hope

A Mental Health support group designed for individuals with a mental health challenge, their loved ones, family members or close friends.

Location

Faith Highland
Wednesdays 7 pm
email at
freshhope@wearefaith.org



Faith Church Resources: Support Groups Continued...

Narcotics Anonymous – The Grace Street Recovery

Open meetings where all dealing with narcotic addictions are welcome. Only members are encouraged to speak.

Location

Faith Highland
Thursdays 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Contact Rob at 219-381-6768

Our Hope

Grief Support for Women

Location

Faith Dyer
1st and 3rd Tuesday 7-9 pm
Contact Jeri at
darchsmom@gmail.com

Overcomers

For those with life altering illnesses and/or their caregivers.

Location

Faith Dyer
2nd & 4th Mondays
7:00 – 8:30 pm
Contact Andy at
anearpass@wearefaith.org



Faith Church Resources: Support Groups Continued...

Overeaters Anonymous

Steps and Traditions study with guest speakers every week.

Location

Highland

Fridays 10-11:30 am Room 101

Contact Barb @ 219-742-3397

Bereavement

This ministry helps arrange funeral/memorial services, as well as post service lunches for families at Faith Church.

Locations

Faith Dyer & Faith Schererville

Contact Linda at ljordan@wearefaith.org or church office 219-864-0300

Faith Cedar Lake

Contact Sue at scrince@wearefaith.org or church office 219-374-6309

Faith Highland

Lori at lhofstra@wearefaith.org or church office 219-838-6231

Faith Beecher

Contact Leanne at lmast@wearefaith.org or church office at 708-946-2545

Munster

Contact Jen Stevens or Mayi Office at 219-838-3929



Faith Church Resources: Campus Care Teams

Faith Beecher

Contact Marietta at 708.258.6450 or Leanne at lmast@wearefaith.org

Faith Cedar Lake

Contact CLCare@wearefaith.org or church office 219-374-6309

Faith Dyer

Contact Pastor Andy at anearpass@wearefaith.org
or Ann at asmit@wearefaith.org or church office 219-864-0300

Faith Highland

Contact the office 219-838-6231 or
highlandoffice@wearefaith.org

Faith Schererville

Contact us at 219-440-2678 or
schercare@wearefaith.org

For general information contact care@wearefaith.org



Faith Church Resources: Faith Family Market

The Market provides basic assistance to those in need of groceries and pantry staples.

Locations

Beecher

1st and 3rd Thursdays 6-7 pm Contact Stephanie at stephwiater@gmail.com

Cedar Lake

Mondays 10-12 noon. Closed 5th Monday and holidays
Contact Beckie at bhayes@wearefaith.org

Dyer

2nd & 4th Sunday 8:30 pm – Noon Room 128
Contact Denise at denise@wiersemas.com

Highland

Located at the Munster campus
Contact Kendra at KTGDotson@gmail.com

Munster

1st and 3rd Sundays 12:30 pm–1:30 pm Contact Bob or Lisa blhberr@att.net



Faith Church Resources: Special Needs Ministry

Reflectors Ministry

This ministry exists to engage, disciple, and love individuals with special needs and their families in order to serve God's kingdom together.

Locations

Cedar Lake

Sundays, 11 am

Contact Lexie at lcouples@wearefaith.org

Dyer

Sundays 11 am // Separate spaces for kids, teens, adults

Kids contact: [Danielle dharrigan@wearefaith.org](mailto:Danielle.dharrigan@wearefaith.org)

Teens/adults contact: Amy at aboshears@wearefaith.org

Wednesdays

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

Small groups and programming for individuals with special needs of all ages and their parents.

Contact Pam at pamv@wearefaith.org



Faith Church Resources: Special Needs Ministry Continued...

Friendship Ministry

Friendship Club is a group for adults and teens with intellectual disabilities. It's a great time of fellowship, Bible study, prayer, music, and snacks.

Location

Faith Highland
Select Tuesdays 7 pm - 8:30 pm

Contact Amy at aboshears@wearefaith.org

See website for additional information and schedules
www.reflectorsministry.org



Faith Church Resources: Marriage Ministry

Preparing Couples for Marriage

a seven week class offered two times per year. Individual mentoring is also available by special request.

Marriage Enrichment

provides connection and discipleship for building a healthy marriage through individual growth. Meets on the Wednesdays Discipleship Night in Dyer. See website for times and group information.

Marriage Repair

individual marriage mentoring for couples who are in need of support and encouragement on a more personal level.

Contact Gina @ marriages@wearefaith.org.

The Ravines

The Ravines is a retreat center for marriages in crisis where life's obstacles seem too much to bear. It is also for couples seeking focused time to strengthen their marriage or simply get back on the right path. The Ravines uses the gifts of trained counsellors and the life-giving power of Jesus Christ.

Email info@theravines.org or call 219-864-5063

Website: www.theravines.org.



Faith Church Resources: Women's Ministry

Women's Bible Studies are offered to all women desiring to grow deeper in their faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ. Visit www.wearefaith.org, connect tab, to view a list of a variety of women's groups

Locations

Beecher

Contact Leanne at
lmast@wearefaith.org

Cedar Lake

Contact Karla at
kweemhoff@wearefaith.org

Dyer

Contact Myra at
mlindquist@wearefaith.org

Highland

Contact Lori at
lhofstra@wearefaith.org

Munster

Contact: Anne at
annec@wearefaith.org

Schereville

Contact Mel at
mbendle@wearefaith.org



Faith Church Resources: Mens Ministry

Offered to all men desiring to grow deeper in their faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Locations

Beecher Book Study

Contact John at jplug@juno.com

Cedar Lake Mens Bible Study

Every Saturday 6:30 am -8:30 am

Contact Jeff at jeffeburg@gmail.com or
rhvankuiken@comcast.net

Dyer Prayer Group

Wednesdays 8 am The Prayer Room

Men of Faith Bible Study

1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Saturday 6:30 am The Garage

Contact Phillip at pjmeuzelaar@gmail.com

Munster Bible Study

Saturdays 7-8:30 am

Contact Bob at rjeenigenburg@gmail.com

Schererville Bible Study

Every other Saturday 8:00-9:30 am

Contact Aaron at pastoraaron@wearefaith.org

*Small groups all campuses

For information contact
connections@wearefaith.org



Faith Church Resources: Prayer Support

Locations

All Campus Prayer Letter

Each Wednesday a prayer letter is sent via email to those who have signed up to pray diligently for those in need. To submit a prayer request or to be added to the email contact nklein@wearefaith.org or call the office at 219-864-0300.

Prayer Room at all Campuses

Open before and after each service.

Cedar Lake

Contact Denise at tdkuiper1@comcast.net

Dyer

Written prayer requests can be submitted in the locked mailbox outside of the Prayer Room or email prayer@wearefaith.org
Contact Julie at msgoodynuf@aol.com

Highland

Contact Lori at lhofstra@wearefaith.org

Munster

Contact Lori at lhofstra@wearefaith.org

Schereville

Contact Gordon Gunnink at gordon@wolflakeinc.com



Faith Church Resources: Mom's Nation

Dedicated to encouraging, equipping and empowering you in motherhood. Find friendship and inspiration to be the best mom you can be! Groups are designed to meet the diverse needs of moms in our communities. For group locations and meeting dates/times, visit momsnation.org
Contact Christie @ moms@wearefaith.org with questions

MOPS

Mothers of Preschoolers (infant through kindergarten)

MOPS is a community for moms with preschool-aged children. Carve out two hours of 'me' time twice a month to experience friendship, food and food-for-thought while your child(ren) are cared for in a safe, engaging environment by our loving and nurturing MOPPETS staff.



MOPS Locations

Beecher

Meets twice monthly on
Thursday mornings 9-11 am
Contact Megan Radtke at
mopsbchr@wearefaith.org

Dyer AM

Meets twice monthly on Thursday
OR Friday mornings 9 – 11 am
Contact Sarah Eenigenburg/Melissa
Verhulst at
mopsdyeram@wearefaith.org

Dyer PM

Meets twice monthly on Thursday
evenings 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Contact Amy Hartig/Carrie Bruns at
mopsdyerpm@wearefaith.org

Highland

Meets twice monthly on Tuesday
mornings 9 – 11 am
Contact Kristy Tebben/Amanda
Vermeulen at
mopshigh@wearefaith.org



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MITM

Moms in the Middle (elementary through high school)

Moms in the Middle is a community for moms with school-aged children. These complex, go-between years often land moms right in the middle of a territory she's not yet charted. Twice monthly, MITM gifts you a coveted escape - two hours to catch your breath, converse and connect with moms who are living parallel lives.

Childcare for younger children available.



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Moms of Empty Nests (college aged or adult children)

Moms of Empty Nests is a community for moms of college-aged or adult children. Of course mothering is for a life-time, but what if what was known...the daily grind of cook & chauffeur & tutor & launderer was only a small part of a bigger, grander purpose? Gather with other moms who now stare at the blank page of possibilities to relearn who they are, who they REALLY are, and who God intends them to be in this next season.



Moms in the Middle Locations

Beecher

Meets twice monthly on Friday mornings 9 - 11 am

Contact Wendi Hanegraaf at mitmbchr@wearefaith.org

Cedar Lake

Meets twice monthly on Wednesday mornings 9:30 – 11:30 am

Contact Michelle Turkstra at mitmcl@wearefaith.org

Dyer

Meets twice monthly on Thursday mornings 9:15 – 11:15 am

Contact Christy Ruffin at mitmdyer@wearefaith.org

Mom's of Empty Nests Dyer

Contact Christie Postma at emptynests@wearefaith.org



Regional Resources

Professional Services

Medical Services

Community Services

**TOPS Soccer
Special Needs Soccer Program
Dyer, IN**



Parent Recommendation Resources

Medical Services

Doctors

Dr. Bethany Cataldi ENT
Lake County, IN

Dentists

Kurt Halum DMD- Pediatric
Highland, IN

Eric Ladd- DDS
Schereville, IN

Pediatric Dentistry
Dr Schechner
Highland, IN

Puntillo and Crane- DDS

Professional Services

Tutoring/School Work Help
The Watts Center for Diverse Learners

Special Needs Dance Lessons
Let's Dance!
Merrillville, IN

Sensory Friendly Hair Stylists
Samantha Brown- Traveling Hair Stylist
(219) 688-5582
North West Indiana

Physical/Occupational Therapies

Jacob's Ladder Pediatric Rehab
Chesterton, IN

Children's Therapy Plus
Winfield, IN
OT/PT

WeeCare
Dyer, IN

Other Services

Bridges of Indiana
Merrillville, IN



Parent Recommendation Resources

Medical Services

Professional Services

Physical/Occupational
Therapies

Other Services