





Baby TALK

Family Resource Guide

Decatur/Macon County

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Adult Education (GED/ESL)

Baby TALK Family Literacy Program	650 W. William St. (Central Christian Church)	422-5249	GED and ESL classes for parents	Child education activities for children birth to three; free of charge
Education and Training Center (Hickory Point Mall)	1415 Hickory Point Mall	875-0061	GED classes for teens and adults; other adult education courses also available	Day and evening classes available; free of charge
Macon-Piatt Adult Education Center	432 N. Water St. (next to Avon Theater)	422-6113	GED classes for teens and adults	Morning/afternoon/evening classes available; free of charge
Project READ	130 N. Franklin St. (Decatur Public Library)	423-7323	Individual assessment and tutoring in the areas of reading and math	Free of charge
Richland Community College Adult Education	1 College Park (RCC Campus)	875-7211 ext. 355	Adult Basic Education (ABE), GED, and ESL classes at various locations on and off campus	Weekly orientation sessions to enroll; free of charge

Child Care

ABC Preschool and Daycare	324 W. Macon St.	423-2122	6 weeks thru age 12	6 AM – 5:30 PM Monday thru Friday	Accepts CCRS and DCFS referrals	Transportation available within boundaries
Baby TALK Early Head Start	500 E. Lakeshore Dr.	422-9930	6 weeks thru age 3	7:30 AM – 3:30 PM Monday thru Friday	No cost to family	School year only, varying schedules by classroom
Creative Kids Daycare	1177 W. Hickory Point Road	877-5877	6 weeks thru age 12	6:30 AM – 6:00 PM Monday thru Friday	Accepts CCRS	
Decatur Daycare Center	2075 E. Lakeshore Dr.	422-2044	6 weeks thru age 12	6 AM – 5:30 PM Monday thru Friday	Sliding scale fees and CCRS accepted	
Discovery Depot	2715 N. 27 th St.	429-1052	6 weeks until school (age 5)	6:45 AM – 5:45 PM Monday thru Friday	Accepts CCRS	
Hillside Bethel Christian School	3575 Greenhill Rd.	429-5590	3 and 4 year olds	6:00 AM – 5:30 PM Monday thru Friday	No CCRS accepted	Discounts to families with multiple children
Kids Castle	2580 N. Monroe	872-6602	6 weeks thru age 12	6:30 AM – 6:00 PM Monday thru Friday	Accepts CCRS	
Kids Castle	4445 E. Maynor	330-6626	6 weeks thru age 12	6:30 AM – 6:00 PM Monday thru Friday	Accepts CCRS	
Kids N Fitness	1020 Southside Drive	423-9580	6 weeks thru age 12	6:30 AM – 6:00 PM Monday thru Friday	Accepts limited number of CCRS	
Kids N Fitness North	535 W. Marion Ave. Forsyth	876-7137	6 weeks thru age 12	6:30 AM – 6:00 PM Monday thru Friday	Accepts limited number of CCRS	
Little People’s Prep School	1050 S. 44 th St	428-3800	15 months thru 12 years	6:00 AM – 6:00 PM Monday thru Friday	Accepts CCRS	Christian preschool program
St. Paul’s Early Learning Center	340 W. Wood St	424-9183	6 weeks thru 5 th Grade	6:30 AM – 5:30 PM Monday thru Friday	Accepts CCRS	
Tender Loving Care	3724 N. Meadowlark	875-2247			Accepts CCRS	
Wee Folks	1170 E. Orchard	423-3655	6 weeks thru age 12	6:00 AM – 6:00 PM Monday thru Friday	Accepts CCRS	
YWCA Child Care Center	220 W. McKinley Ave.	872-9922	2 years thru age 12	6:30 AM – 6:00 PM Monday thru Friday	Accepts CCRS	Must be daytime toilet trained

Child Care Resource Service (CCRS) is available to assist families in locating and paying for child care.

905 S Goodwin Ave , 314 Bevier Hall

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(800)325-5516

Clothing

Antioch Clothing Room	561 N. Church St.	875-1730	M/T/W/Th from 9-11 AM	
Dove Children's Clothing Room	2201 E. Prairie Ave.	428-6616	M/T/W/Th from 1-4 PM	Free quality clothing for infants and children
Northeast Community Fund	825 N. Water St.	429-5846	Mon-Fri from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM	Free clothing for all sizes and ages
Salvation Army Clothing Room	229 W. Main St.	429-8050	Mon-Fri from 1-3 PM	

Counseling/Mental Health

Catholic Charities	247 W. Prairie Ave.	428-3458	Counseling to individuals, couples, and families, and women facing unplanned/unwanted pregnancy	Sliding scale fees; evening appointments available
Community Health Improvement Center (CHIC)	2905 N. Main St.	877-9117	Counseling for children and adults who are established CHIC patients. Packets for new patients can be completed at any time.	Private insurance, Medicaid, accepted in addition to patients with no insurance
Dove, Inc.	302 S. Union St.	428-6616	Individual/group counseling to victims of domestic violence	Counseling available to residents and non-residents of the shelter
Heritage Behavioral Health Center	151 N. Main St.	362-6262	Provides immediate help, assessment and referrals for those in mental health/substance abuse crisis	Phone number also 24 hour crisis line; photo ID and insurance required
Macon County Health Department	1221 E. Condit St.	423-6988	Counseling services for residents of Macon County	Call for more information and to schedule an appointment
Safe From The Start	164 N. Edward St.	422-6294	Assessments, referrals, therapy for young children and their families who have been affected by violence	
Webster-Cantrell Hall	1942 E. Cantrell St.	423-6961	Mental health services for children through age 17	

Developmental Screenings For Children Birth - Three
Services for Children With Special Needs

Baby TALK Special Connections	500 E. Lakeshore Dr. (Baby TALK Office)	475-2234	Parent-child playgroup/meeting for parents with children with special needs birth through age 5	1 st and 3 rd Monday from 10:00 – 10:45 AM; facilitated by a Developmental Therapist
Bright Start Prevention Initiative	2121 Hubbard Ave. (Macon Resources)	875-1910	Developmental screenings for children age 0-3	Referrals, playgroups, home visits
Child and Family Connections (CFC)	132 S. Water St. Suite 604	423-6199	Single point of entry for children needing early intervention services	Developmental screenings and service coordination
Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC)	2815 W. Washington Suite 300 Champaign, IL	217-333-65285	Care coordination, benefits management, financial assistance for diagnosis and treatment	Services for children from birth to age 21 with eligible special health care needs
Early Beginnings Prevention Initiative	2912 N. University (Pershing School)	876-8329	Developmental screenings for children age 0-3	Referrals, playgroups, home visits
Easter Seals of Central Illinois	2715 N. 27 th St.	429-1052	Therapy for children with special needs and support services for families	Special programs for persons with autism; referrals to other community agencies
Pershing Pre-K	2912 N. University	876-8327	Preschool program for children with special needs	Half day program Monday thru Friday; transportation provided
STEPS – Baby TALK	650 W. William St. (Central Christian Church)	422-5249	Program for children ages 0-3 with special needs	Parents, therapists, and teachers work together

Food Pantries

Ambassadors for Christ	1705 N. Maple	877-5220	Tuesdays 12:00 – 3:00 PM	May receive food once every two weeks
AMELCA	250 W. Decatur	423-7783	Wednesdays 10:30 AM – 12:00 noon	Photo ID required
Antioch	561 N. Church	875-1730	Tuesdays 9:00 – 11:00 AM	
Catholic Charities	239 W. Prairie	428-3458 ext. 237	Monday thru Friday 9:00 – 11:00 AM	Photo ID and medical card with names of all children
Central United Methodist Church	269 W. Eldorado	422-6375	Tuesdays following an 8 AM breakfast	
Harristown Food Bank	7570 W. Main St.	963-2587	3 rd Tuesday each month 1:00 – 3:00 PM	Will help people from other areas and help find closer food pantries
Heartland Community Church	3253 N. Brush College Road	877-9529		Photo ID required
Helping Hands	1177 W. Hickory Point Road	875-0616	2 nd and 4 th Saturday of each month from 10 AM – 2 PM	
Maroa Community Pantry	430 N. Main St. Maroa, IL	794-3492 794-3780	2 nd Tuesday from 9 -10 AM; 4 th Tuesday from 3:30 – 5:30 PM	
Moundford Food Pantry	1803 E. Mound Rd	877-1577	Mondays 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Optional worship service 11-11:30 AM	Photo ID required
New Vision Church of God Food Pantry	1414 W. Grove Road	423-7333	Tuesdays from 1:00 – 3:00 PM	Photo ID or Medicaid card required
Northeast Community Fund	825 N. Water St	429-5846	M/T/Th/F from 9 – 11:30 AM and 12:30 – 2 PM	Photo ID required; family chooses food for basket; once per month
Reasonable Service	321 E. Leafland	330-8321	Saturdays from 11 AM – 2 PM	Photo ID required
Salvation Army	137 S. Church St.	429-8050	M/W/F from 9 – 11:30 AM T/Th from 1:30 – 3:00 PM	Photo ID and medical card or birth certificate or SS card for children

Health Care/Doctors/Hospitals

Community Health Improvement Center (CHIC)	2905 N. Main St.	877-9117	Primary health care for all ages, Well and sick child visits	Call for more information or to schedule appt.
Decatur Memorial Hospital	2300 N. Edward St.	876-8121	Hospital	
Macon County Health Department	1221 E. Condit	423-6988	Well and sick child visits, dental, WIC, immunizations, STD clinic, foreign travel, and other services	Call for more information or to schedule appt.
Planned Parenthood of Decatur	3021 N. Oakland Ave.	877-6474	Reproductive health services including birth control, yearly exams, cancer and STD screening	Fees based on ability to pay; evening hours available
SIU Decatur Family Practice Center	250 W. Kenwood Ave.	872-3800	Primary health care for all ages	Medicaid and other forms of insurance accepted
St. Mary's Hospital	1800 E. Lakeshore Dr.	464-2966	Hospital	

For families covered by a medical card (Medicaid), transportation assistance to and from appointments is available.

First, the family (or teacher/home visitor) needs to call First Transit at 877-725-0569 and provide the medical card number, date and time of appointment, child's name and date of birth, medical reason for the appointment, and the reason that transportation assistance is necessary. Once approved (immediately), the family will be given an approval number.

Second, call the taxi service at 424-0016 to schedule a taxi. Give them the First Transit approval number, and there will be no charge for the ride (Medicaid will be billed).

Typically, this can be done with no problem 1-2 days in advance for local appointments. For out of town specialist appointments, more notice is needed.

Playgroups/Lapsits/Recreation Activities

Baby TALK Times/Lapsits	500 E. Lakeshore Dr. (and various locations)	475-2234	Parents and children age 0-3	Various times and locations, call for a schedule
Bright Start Prevention Initiative	2121 Hubbard Ave. (Macon Resources)	875-1910	Parents and children age 0-3	Developmental screenings, playgroups, home visits, community referrals
Children's Museum of Illinois	55 S. Country Club Rd.	423-5437	Open Tuesday through Sunday; Admission \$5 for age 2 and up	Hands on exhibits and special events year-round
Decatur Family YMCA	220 W. McKinley Ave.	872-9622	Family events and programs for all ages	Emphasis on fitness and exercise
Decatur Park District	620 E. Riverside	422-8535	Recreational activities and facilities for all ages	
Decatur Public Library	130 N. Franklin	424-2900	Open 7 days per week, one host site for Baby TALK Lapsits	Second floor houses exceptional children's department
Early Beginnings Prevention Initiative	2912 N. University (Pershing School)	876-8329	Parents and children age 0-3; at-risk eligibility, District 61 boundaries	Developmental screenings, home visits, playgroups, parent education
Scovill Zoo and Project Playground	71 South Country Club Rd	421-7435	Open daily April – October. Admission charged for zoo only.	One day per week through the summer, the zoo has free admission. Call for info.

Services for Pregnant Women

Baby TALK	500 E. Lakeshore Dr.	475-2234	Home visiting for expectant mothers and their families	At-risk eligibility
Baby TALK Early Head Start	500 E. Lakeshore Dr.	422-9930	Home based programs and socializations for expectant mothers and their families	Low income eligibility
Catholic Charities	239 W. Prairie Ave.	428-3458	Newborn layette gift bag to new mothers within one month of delivery	Photo ID and referral required; Tues-Thurs 9:30-2:30
Decatur Doulas		423-6165 423-8137	Birth doulas help create personal birth plans and assist in positive birth experiences	
DMH Family Birth Center	2300 N. Edward St.	876-8121	Prenatal care for all pregnant women regardless of ability to pay	
Healthy Families Illinois	1221 E. Condit (Macon Co. Health Department)	425-1500	Intensive home visiting program for first time mothers, enroll during 3 rd trimester	At-risk eligibility
La Leche League		875-2409	Breastfeeding information and support for mothers	24 hour phone counseling; call for meeting times
New Life Pregnancy Center	1698 E. Pershing Road	872-5556	Pregnancy tests, counseling, referrals, classes, maternity and baby clothing/supplies	24 hour help line (872-5555)
Planned Parenthood of Decatur	3021 N. Oakland Ave.	877-6474	Health screenings and referrals for expectant mothers	Fees based on ability to pay; evening hours available
St. Mary's Prenatal Clinic	1800 E. Lakeshore Dr.	464-2805	Prenatal care for all pregnant women regardless of ability to pay	Monday and Wednesday 8:30 – 3:30 only
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	1221 E. Condit (Macon Co. Health Department)	423-3764	Nutrition counseling, health assessment, breastfeeding support, food coupons	Income guidelines apply

Preschool/Pre-Kindergarten

Anna Waters Head Start	1166 E. Marietta St.	423-2268	Half-day preschool for 3 and 4 year olds	Low income eligibility and must live in Decatur area	No cost to families
Baby TALK Pre-K	650 W. William St. (Central Christian)	422-5249	Half-day preschool for 3 and 4 year olds	At-risk eligibility	No cost to families
Central Christian Preschool	650 W. William St.	428-4336	Children ages 2-5 are eligible	Mommy & Me, Preschool, Prekindergarten	Fees vary according to program/age of child
Heartland Tech Academy Preschool	300 E. Eldorado St.	424-3066	Half-day preschool on T/W/Th	Children ages 3-5, certified preschool teachers & high school students in training	Minimal tuition fee is charged
Little People's Prep School	1050 S. 44 th St.	428-3800	Christian preschool	Includes before and after school care	
Meridian Elementary Pre-K	245 S. Townson, Macon, IL	764-3902 764-3896	Half-day preschool for 3 and 4 year olds	Must live within Meridian School District	
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Preschool	2055 S. Franklin St. Rd.	428-0641	Preschool for 3 and 4 year olds	Lutheran affiliation	Tuition based program
Mt. Zion United Methodist Co-Op Preschool	1220 W. Main St. Mt. Zion, IL	864-4813	Preschool for 3 and 4 year olds, separate	Follows Mt. Zion School calendar	Tuition based program, financial assistance
Our Lady of Lourdes Preschool	3950 Lourdes Dr.	877-4408	Preschool for 3 and 4 year olds	8:15 – 11:00 AM; 2 or 3 days per week	Tuition based program, payment plans available
Pershing Pre-K and Early Childhood Program	2912 N. University Ave.	876-8327	Half-day preschool for 3 and 4 year olds	At-risk eligibility and must live in DPS 61 boundaries	No cost to families
Playmates Preschool	3465 N. MacArthur Rd.	877-2216	Preschool for 3 and 4 year olds	Register in March for following school year	Tuition based program
Robertson Charter School Pre-K	2240 E. Geddes Ave.	428-7072	Preschool for 3 and 4 year olds	At-risk eligibility and transportation provided	No cost to families
St. Patrick School Preschool	412 N. Jackson St.	423-4351	Preschool for 3 and 4 year olds	Three days per week, morning classes only	\$950 per year, payment plan & assistance available
St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool	340 W. Wood St.	424-9183	Preschool for 3 and 4 year olds		Tuition based program

Shelters

Decatur Family Refuge	539 N. Water St.	422-9903	Families with children	
Dove Shelter	302 S. Union St.	423-2238	Women and children	Must have domestic violence situation
God's Shelter of Love	929 N. Union St.	422-2790	Single women and married couples, with or without children	Photo ID required, call for intake appt.
Grace House	851 E. Cantrell St.	422-8064	Single women with or without children (no children over age 10)	Photo ID required, 90 day limit per stay
Oasis Day Center	243 W. Cerro Gordo	422-3940	Open 7 AM – 5 PM, 7 days per week Laundry and shower facilities available	Drop-in day shelter only, no overnights
Salvation Army	229 W. Main St.	428-4672	Single men only	
Virtue House	2225 S. Franklin St. Rd.	424-8808	Transitional living program for young women ages 18-25	No children allowed to live at Virtue House, a pregnant mother is eligible
Water Street Mission	758 N. Water St.	424-2381	Single men only	

Social Services

Catholic Charities Med Assist Program	239 W. Prairie	428-3458 ext 242	T/W/Th 8:30 – 4:30; assistance paying for prescription medications	Income eligibility guidelines
Central Illinois Christians In Mission	1000 E. Locust St.	422-4246	Furniture, appliances, household items	Referral required; must pick up own items at warehouse
Decatur Housing Authority	1808 E. Locust St.	423-7711	Public housing and Section 8 housing for individuals and families	Income eligibility guidelines
Decatur-Macon County Opportunities Corporation (DMCOC)	1122 E. Marietta St.	428-0155	Energy assistance, clothing room, weatherization program, senior services program, Head Start program	Income eligibility guidelines
Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS)	2900 N. Oakland Ave.	875-6750	Investigates reports of abuse/neglect, supervises foster care and adoptions, licenses child care facilities	(800)25-ABUSE – 24 hour child abuse hotline
Department of Human Services (DHS/Public Aid)	707 E. Wood St.	362-6500	8:30 AM – 5:00 PM Monday thru Friday	Food stamps, medical assistance, cash assistance, child support, referrals
Dove, Inc.	302 S. Union St.	423-2238	24 hour domestic violence hotline	Domestic violence services to victims and their families, including shelter
Family Case Management	1221 E. Condit St. (MCHD)	425-1500	Case management for pregnant women and parents of children up to age 3	Education, referrals, and encouragement for families
Good Samaritan Inn	920 N. Union St.	429-1455	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, 7 days per week	Hot lunch to any child or adult who is hungry
Homeward Bound	788 E. Clay St.	428-7162	Housing assistance for individuals experiencing homelessness	Case management, transitional housing

Macon County Child Advocacy Center	164 N. Edward St	422-6294	Services to families and children who have been victims of abuse	Interview rooms in child friendly environment to minimize trauma
Northeast Community Fund	825 N. Water St.	429-5846	Utility bills, medication, car repair, emergency housing, bus cards, etc.	All assistance subject to director approval and available funds
Salvation Army	137 S. Church St.	429-8050	Medical needs, rent, utilities	Subject to availability of funds
The Shed	4191 N. Greenswitch Rd	876-9337	Furniture, appliances, household items	Free delivery to families; referral required

A light blue, stylized silhouette of a baby's head and torso, positioned behind the text. The head is a circle, and the torso is a rounded shape with a small circle at the bottom, suggesting a belly.

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