

## Career & Vocational Resources

### Elkhart County

*Goodwill of Michiana*

574-875-5068

<https://goodwill-ni.org/programs/>

Variety of employment services for individuals of all abilities.

### Saint Joseph County

*Goodwill of Michiana*

574-472-7300

<https://goodwill-ni.org/programs/>

Variety of employment services for individuals of all abilities.

*BDDS (Bureau of Developmental Disability Services)*

574-232-1412

<https://secure.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/2639.htm>

Provides support and programs for clients (and their families) with barriers to employment: vision loss, hearing loss, and physical, developmental, mental, and emotional disabilities. Must qualify for services (such as the Medicaid waiver and services for those who identify on the Autism spectrum).

*OVR (Office of Vocational Rehabilitation)*

574.232.4861

<https://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/2759.htm>

Employment services, supported employment, assistive technology, transition services, etc.. Long waiting list, often refer-out for services.

## Financial and Family Resources

### Elkhart County

*Brightpoint (Elkhart)*

800-589-3506

<https://mybrightpoint.org/index.php/get-help/>

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Services for children and youth, family stability, family self-sufficiency, and community investment services, such as child-care vouchers, for under-resourced families and individuals.

*Salvation Army (Elkhart)*

574-970-0088

<http://saelkhart.org/>

Services and programs to under resourced families.

*United Way* (Elkhart)

574-295-1650

<https://www.unitedwayec.org/>

Educational resources, child care resources, utility assistance, health care options, transportation, financial stability programs, and much more.

**Saint Joseph County**

*Bridges Out of Poverty* (South Bend)

574-246-0533

<http://www.sjcbridges.org/>

Services for all individuals affected by lack of financial resources, including individuals and business/community leaders.

*Brightpoint* (South Bend)

800-589-3506

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Services for children and youth, family stability and self-sufficiency, as well as community investment services, such as child-care vouchers, for under-resourced families and individuals.

*Real Services* (South Bend)

574-233-8205

[https://www.realservices.org/\\_wp/](https://www.realservices.org/_wp/)

Information, programs, and services to assist elderly, disabled, individuals, and families with low income. Child care vouchers, utility bill assistance, education supports, gas and transportation assistance, energy efficiency, and much more. \*En Espanol

*Salvation Army* (at the Kroc Center, South Bend)

574-233-9471 ext. 2205

<http://www.mykroc.org/family-resources.html>

No membership required; ask for Family Resources. Utility assistance, food pantry, and other resources and programs.

*St. Margaret's House* (South Bend)

574-234-7795

<https://www.stmargarethouse.org/>

A day center welcoming women and children experiencing economic hardship/poverty. They provide meals and offer assistance through programs to address immediate needs. Programs include classes on parenting, steps for success, youth summer programs, as well as emotional health and well-being groups, and access to health services.

*Stone Soup Community (South Bend)*

574-404-6170

<http://stonesoupcommunity.org/>

Programs include emergency assistance, healthcare navigation, *Getting Ahead* which helps clients become more self-sufficient, *Team Heat & Staying Connected* which helps clients helping to match funds and stay current on utility bills, *Crafting Your Best-Self* workshops to benefit emotional intelligence and self-esteem, *Family Development* which offers counseling and case management services, *Thrive* which facilitates mindful transition to thrive in life from information shared, and *Ready for Work* which helps with job search and resume building.

*St. Vincent de Paul Society of South Bend*

574-234-6000

[www.svdpsb.org](http://www.svdpsb.org)

Programs include rent and utility assistance, clothing vouchers, as well as a food pantry.

*United Way (South Bend)*

574-232-8201 or 211

<http://www.uwsjc.org/>

Education, health, child care resources, utility assistance, and financial stability programs and services. \*En Espanol