

Do Care

Do Care Family Operations

Sponsorship Form

Material Assistance

Families may receive basic needs assistance with household goods, furniture and clothing through the Material Assistance Program. Items are available for redistribution to families in need that are donated by generous supporters.

To request household clothing assistance:

Intake is done Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Friday by appointment only.

Bring with you: proof of residency (drivers license or current lease papers), proof of income (check stub, DHS paperwork, Social Security paperwork).

Sign in, talk with our Family Support Specialist intake workers who will gather information and assess your needs as well as make referrals to other helping agencies.

There is a processing time required, you will not leave that day with items.

Please keep in mind that this service is to fulfill basic needs and items are not brand new.

Coats for Kids

This worthwhile program has been a staple in Bay County for many years and has annually provided up to 1,100 children with warm winter coats, hats, gloves, mittens and scarves.

We are always seeking corporations and businesses as well as individuals who are willing to help underwrite the costs of this program.

[Drop off locations](#) (List of businesses you can drop off coats for the kids)

[2016 CFK's application](#)

Kids Sleep Well

Kids Sleep Well is a grant-funded program that provides a new twin bed. This program is limited to children age 3-17; families must agree to participate with an in-home visit program. Specific criteria must be met before being approved for the program; please call for more information.

Families receive information on the importance of developing good sleep habits with their children and how sleep contributes to their child's success in life.

Community E.T.C. (Educational Treasure Chest)



A children's success in school is dependent upon having the necessary supplies. Community E.T.C. provides school supplies to children in need. Basic supplies include: backpacks, notebooks, paper, pens, pencils, markers, glue, etc.

Supplies are collected by churches, service organizations and individuals and are packaged and given to students before the beginning of the school year. Classroom teachers can refer their students for help with supplies throughout the school year.

For the 2012 School Year, this program distributed over 1,200 backpacks filled with school supplies for local children! Thank you for your help with this all-important endeavor.

[Volunteers are needed to help collect supplies as well as package them for distribution.](#)

Application for E.T.C. School Supply backpack [click here](#).

Wee Sleep Safely

Studies show the safest place for a baby to sleep is in his/her own crib. There are families in our community who are unable to provide a safe place for their baby to sleep. Wee Sleep Safely is a grant-funded collaborative program with the Bay County Health Dept. that provides a new portable, sleep playard to families in need. In order to receive a new playard, parents must attend a sleep safety class where they are given information on safe sleep practices that are proven to reduce incidences of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

Kids Arrive Safely

Safe transportation is a necessity for small children. Kids Arrive Safely is a grant-

funded program that provides a new carseat to eligible families. Do-Care has a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician on staff that installs the seat and provides safety education to the parents. A \$10 co-pay per seat is required.

Help for the Hungry

In an emergency situation, families may receive a day's worth of food until they can receive food from one of the local food pantries.

Vision for Bay County

Do-Care staff provides a screening process and referral to Newton Eyecare Center for vision care.

Bay Arenac Diaper Bank

The Do-Care Family Enrichment Center is a collaborative partner with the Bay Arenac Diaper Bank and provides diapers to families needing assistance. Donations of diapers are also accepted.

Do-Care Family Enrichment Center

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