

LATINO SERVICES

1) BERKSHIRE LATIN AMERICAN COUNCIL

*Mailing address: Contact: Diana Mendez
c/o Berkshire Center for Families & Children at 413-236-1911
480 West Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201*

Provides information for Latino community. Meetings, open to the public, are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Pittsfield City Hall, Basement Lunchroom, 70 Allen Street, Pittsfield.

2) CARE COMMUNITIES

*c/o Elizabeth Freeman Center 413-499-2425
146 First Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201*

CARE Communities is a joint effort of the Elizabeth Freeman Center, the Batterers Intervention Program, and Berkshire County Kids' Place & Violence Prevention Center, funded by the Department of Public Health. Its mission is to ensure that the Latino community of Berkshire County has access to needed services. CARE provides community education, community outreach, translation of support material and community presentations. Its goals are to bring about awareness of language barriers, access to services, awareness of cultural barriers, creation of social justice and fairness, and family violence intervention through outreach and education.

3) COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMS (formerly Children's Health Program)

Administrative Offices: 413-528-9311
P.O. Box 30, 54 Castle Street
Great Barrington, MA 01230
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Programs include the following:

- **Community Health Center of the Berkshires**
Fourth Floor, Fairview Hospital, Great Barrington, MA 01230, 413-528-8580

Provides health care services for all ages regardless of income and health insurance status. Open to all residents of Berkshire County. Care coordination for elders and Spanish translation services are available on site.

- **Family Support Network of South Berkshire**
940 South Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230, 413-528-0721

Provides a variety of services for families with children under five years of age at no charge.

- **FIRST STEPS (An Early Intervention Program)**

54 Castle Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230, 413-528-9311

Provides therapeutic resources for children from birth to three years who may have developmental delays and/or disabilities.

- **South Berkshire WIC Food and Nutrition Program**

54 Castle Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230, 413-528-0457

Food vouchers/nutritional information for income eligible families with children under five years. Pregnant women and post-partum mothers welcome.

4) LEE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

13 Academy Street 413-243-5535

P.O. Box 115

Lee, MA 01238

Hours: Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.

Youth Programs: Friday, 6-10 p.m. and Saturday, 4-10 p.m.

Recreational activities for children ages 5-18. Programs include athletics, arts and crafts, and leisure time events. Daycare programs include early morning wake up, summer fun club for grades K-5, a preschool program for children two years nine months to five years, after school daycare or children in grades K-2. Adjustment counseling and Latino support services are also available for families in the community.

5) MANOS UNIDAS (HANDS UNITED)

Executive Director, Annaelisa Vanegas-Farrara

P.O. Box 112, South Lee, MA 01260

Tel. 413-243-9121

A multicultural community empowerment organization that strives to uplift all of the latino, immigrant and minority members of our community through a sustained exchange of shared resources, participatory education and living arts. Manos Unidas seeks not only to provide the opportunity for empowerment but also foster the creation of a diverse culture of community that hones our unique strengths by crossing real and artificial boundaries set up by class, race, language, culture and geography.

Manos Unidas welcomes help with its outreach work in the community such as a) creating opportunities for community dialogue (such as a “Know Your Rights” Forum), b) helping with program start-up and continuation (eg., Bilingual Radio Program), c) planning community events such as mural projects, Earth Charter Summit Day, Immigrant Month Conference, etc.