

PARENTING

1.) BERKSHIRE CENTER FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

480 West Street 413-448-8281

Pittsfield, MA 01201 1-888-742-7443 (toll free)

Hours: Monday-Friday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. (Child care opens at 7:30 a.m.)

Offers a wide range of support services to vulnerable children and their families. BCFC has 11 separate programs as follows:

• Educational Child Care at Six Locations in Pittsfield:

- Child Care Center at 480 West Street (413-448-8281)
- Dorothy Amos Community Preschool at 314 Columbus Avenue (413-499-2320)
- Redfield Infant/Toddler Center at 48 Elizabeth Street (413-445-4136)
- Crosby Partnership Preschool at 517 West Street (413-447-8994)
- Conte Kids' Club (School-Age) at 200 West Union Street (413-496-9289)
- Morningside Kids' Club (School-Age) at 100 Burbank Street (413-443-1467)

• Healing Homes Therapeutic Foster Care (413-448-8281)

Healing Homes is a private foster care program for children with special medical, physical or emotional needs, including children who have experienced multiple unsuccessful previous placements. This program provides the intensive support to foster parents which is necessary for them to help each child achieve his or her maximum potential.

• McInerney Parent Center (413-499-3556)

The McInerney Parent Center offers support services for parents on child rearing issues from infancy to teenagers.

• Redfield House/Young Family Services (413-448-2997)

Redfield House offers subsidized, supportive housing for young families in Berkshire County and serves a young parent population with prevention, education and treatment services that help create long-standing, positive benefits for families, children, and the community.

• Parent's Place (413-664-4597)

The Parent's Place, a collaboration of five agencies housed in Northern Berkshire, involves the whole family in a comprehensive family support and family literacy program. Services include adult education, early childhood enrichment, parent-child interaction and learning, parenting skill development, life skill development, and home visits.

• Strong Families, Strong Kids, Strong Communities (SFSK) (413-443-1609)

SFSK's purpose is to promote healthy development and school and community success. It offers a vehicle to increase parental involvement in school, a key factor in school success.

• Permanency Supports (413-448-8281)

This program provides a comprehensive range of services to ensure that adoptive families and adoptees have the support and knowledge necessary to sustain well-functioning families.

- **Pittsfield Even Start (413-448-9819)**

Even Start meets a need for family literacy for vulnerable families and collaborates with the Adult Learning Center and Head Start. Parents work on adult basic education, participate in parenting classes, participate in activities with their children, and children participate in early childhood (developmental) experiences.

- **21st Century Family Advocate (413-664-9633)**

BCFC has a family advocate assigned to a very large school-based program in North Adams. This federal program provides enrichment and community activities for families and children throughout the school system after school and evenings. The Family Support Leader provides outreach to families by referrals from the schools, and outreach on behalf of the program activities.

- **Family Development Program (413-445-4130)**

Family Development workers offer families concrete support and education including: child development, basic budgeting, household management, enhancing parent-child relationships, and teaching social skills.

- **DSS Family Based Services Network (FBS) (413-448-8281)**

The goal of this network is to achieve child safety, well-being and permanency through connecting families to a wide array of local services.

2) BERKSHIRE NURSING FAMILIES

*P.O. Box 341 413-743-5338
Adams, MA 01220*

Comprehensive lactation support program. Provides services to breastfeeding women in northern Berkshire as well as all nursing mothers who deliver at North Adams Regional Hospital, regardless of where in the county they reside. Offers hospital, home and phone consultation, as well as classes and support groups. The above number is a breastfeeding support line.

3) CHILD CARE OF THE BERKSHIRES

*P.O. Box 172 413-663-6593
210 State Street From Pittsfield: 413-447-7554
North Adams, MA 01247
Hours: Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
(Administrative Hours)*

Five centers providing weekday child care for children five weeks to fourteen years old. A family/child system with the following programs:

- **DAY CARE PROGRAMS**

- **Family Child Care**

- 210 State Street, North Adams, MA 01247, 413-664-3256
150 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201, 413-443-0676

- **Magic Seasons Early Childhood Center**

- 1274 Curran Highway, North Adams, MA 01247, 413-664-8471

- Monument Square Early Childhood Center
210 State Street, North Adams, MA 01247, 413-664-4657

- Norman Rockwell Early Childhood Center
1350 West Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201, 413-443-3487

- South Berkshire Early Childhood Center
Main Street, Stockbridge, MA 01262, 413-298-3444

- Williams College Children's Center
51 Park Street, Williamstown, MA 01267, 413-458-5168

- Young Parents Child Care Program
210 State Street, North Adams, MA 01247
152 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201, 413-443-5109

- **COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS:**

- Community Partnership Program
210 State Street, North Adams, MA 01247, 413-664-4615

- Family Net Northern Berkshire
www.familynetfun.com
210 State Street, North Adams, MA 01247, 413-664-4821

- Parenting Partnership Program
210 State Street, North Adams, MA 01247, 413-664-4725

- Healthy Families Program
210 State Street, North Adams, MA 01247, 413-664-6104
152 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201, 413-445-4324

- Resources for Child Care (See separate listing in this directory for more information.)
152 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201, 413-443-7830 or 877-443-7830 (toll-free)
14 Ashland Street, North Adams, MA 01247, 413-663-7922

- Lead Poisoning/Healthy Homes
210 State Street, North Adams, MA 01247, 413-663-9242

4) 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.

5) FATHERHOOD COALITION – BERKSHIRE COUNTY CHAPTER www.fatherhoodcoalition.org

413-295-DADS

Addresses issues of reconciliation, divorce, child custody, allegations of abuse, shared parenting and fairness in raising children.

6) HELEN BERUBE TEEN PARENT PROGRAM

*290 South Street 413-443-2530
P.O. Box 1036 (Must use P.O. Box for mailing)
Pittsfield, MA 01202
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 2 p.m.*

Alternative educational site for pregnant and parenting teens with licensed and accredited day care center on site. Five-day school week with transportation for mothers and children, high school diploma program, GED preparation, parenting classes and career planning.

7) LA LECHE LEAGUE

*For information, call:
413-443-9599
413-684-1924
413-458-8663*

Breastfeeding support.

8) PARENTAL STRESS HOTLINE

*142 Berkeley St. 1-800-632-8188
Boston, MA 02116 617-528-5800*

Confidential telephone counseling service aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect by offering an immediate response to parents and by preserving the anonymity of the caller.

9) PARENTS HELPING PARENTS

*140 Claredon Street 1-800-882-1250
Boston, MA 02216
Western Mass. Regional Coordinator 413-530-5790
Hours: Call for meeting schedule.*

Offers weekly support meetings for parents in Berkshire County. Information is kept confidential.