

Services Provided for Children in Nantucket

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Nantucket Healthy Community Collaborative

The Nantucket Healthy Community Collaborative includes representation from a wide range of community stakeholders who are committed to addressing Nantucket's Human Service needs. The goal of the NHCC is to continually improve community resources which enable the people of Nantucket to live more healthy lives.

A Safe Place, Inc.

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A Safe Place offers the following programs: Domestic Violence Community Based Services, Sexual Assault Prevention & Survivor Services, Supervised Visitation, and Child Witness to Violence Services. Our services include: 24-hour hotline, crisis intervention, supportive counseling, safety planning, advocacy (court, legal, medical, police), and outreach/education for the community. Our Supervised Visitation Program provides a safe and comfortable place to exchange or visit with children as well as parenting support. Our Child Witness to Violence Program provides counseling for children who have witnessed or experienced violence in the home. Services are confidential and nearly all are free of charge. Interpreters available; GLBTQ welcome.

Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention, Inc. (ASAP)

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Our mission is to provide leadership, education and support in the community for the prevention and treatment of alcoholism, addiction, substance abuse, and related problems. The Nantucket Teen Center, (508) 325-5340, provides a safe and comfortable environment that fosters mutual respect and responsibility for youth. NTC is a drug and alcohol free environment, and all programs offered by NTC are free to Nantucket youth in grades six through twelve. Operating hours are Monday-Friday, 2:30-6 PM.

Autism Speaks Resource Center

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www.autismspeaks.org/community/resources/nantucket.php

The Resource Center provides information and resources. Our programs are open to families of individuals with any disability, not limited to autism, and siblings and friends are always welcome. Our intent is to lessen the isolation and bring peers and families together. We host workshops, forums and webinars; family events; a peer mentoring program; respite opportunities; and community activities. We partner with organizations and businesses to improve the quality of lives for families.

Big Brothers Big Sisters on Nantucket

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Mentoring Program

Our mentoring program matches a volunteer Big Brother/Sister with a child who could benefit from a one-to-one relationship with a caring adult. Bigs and Littles meet 2 - 4 times per month. The two share similar interests, and spend their time together engaged in activities such as playing catch, watching movies, touring museums or simply hanging out. Studies show that a Little successfully matched for a year or more, among other things, is more likely to graduate from high school, attend college, show more respect to adults and are more likely to avoid alcohol, drugs and violence. And the Bigs get just as much out of it as the Littles.

Cape & Islands Early Childhood Intervention

A program of Cape Cod Child Development

83 Pearl Street, Hyannis, MA 02601

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Early Intervention program is a developmental service designed to support families with children birth to three years suspected of or identified as having a developmental disability, delay, health condition or a cluster of risk factors that may impact a child's development. Early Intervention is designed to improve outcomes for infants and toddlers by providing early, appropriate, developmental interventions. Referrals may be made by physicians, other professionals, or parents themselves.

Cape Organization for Rights of the Disabled (CORD)

106 Bassett Lane, Hyannis, MA 02601

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www.cilcapecod.org

The Cape Organization for Rights of the Disabled (CORD) has been aggressively working since 1984 to advance the independence, productivity, and integration of people with disabilities, including deaf and hard of hearing people, into mainstream society. CORD's Transition to Adulthood Program (TAP) works with students aged 14-22 who are transitioning from Special Education to the community. TAP will educate students on their rights, assist them in setting goals for their future, work with students, their families, and schools to access benefits and create transition plans, help students explore options for further education, job training, and housing, and encourage students to be involved in CORD activities.

Community Network for Children/Nantucket Community School

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The Community Network for Children offers Early Childhood programs for families with children aged birth – 8. We offer registered playgroups, unstructured play time (drop-in play at the Early Childhood Center located at NHS), parent support groups, family events, information regarding licensed home and center based preschool programs, A Welcome Baby program, Boot Camp for Dads(co-sponsored with NCH) & preschool programs for those not currently enrolled in a home/center based program. Our Outreach Coordinator assists with translation for English as Second Language (ESL) families, and provides support and referrals to island human service programs.

Department of Children and Families

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The Department's vision is to ensure the safety of children in a manner that holds the best hope of nurturing a sustained, resilient network of relationships to support the child's growth and development into adulthood

Child Abuse and Neglect Overview

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) is the Massachusetts state agency charged with the responsibility of protecting children from child abuse and neglect. To report abuse or neglect, call the Child-at-Risk Hotline anytime of the day or night at 1-800-792-5200

Family and Children's Services of Nantucket County

20 Vesper Lane, L-1 Gouin Village

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FCSN provides a broad range of mental health services to adolescents, and families who have experienced stress and conflict in their lives. Counseling services include individual psycho-therapy for adolescents, psychiatric services, substance abuse services and family therapy. FCSN's emergency response team is available 24 hours a day 365 days a year to respond to Psychiatric and Substance Abuse emergencies through the Hospital and Police Department. The emergency response team responds by providing a mental functioning assessment & evaluation, treatment planning and placement recommendation, stabilization support.

Healthy Families Early Childbearing Program

A program of Health Imperatives

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Healthy Families provides education to young parents about pregnancy, nutrition, labor and delivery, developmental milestones of the newborn, infant and toddler as well as parenting education related to children up to 3 years of age. Healthy Families provides home visiting for first-time parents under age 21. Parents are eligible for these services during pregnancy until their child is three years old.

Services are offered on a voluntary basis. The program encourages health, completion of education, job attainment and development of life skills.

Inky Santa's Toy Drive, Inc

P. O. Box 2595, Nantucket, MA 02584

Jessie M. Glidden

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Inky Santa's Toy Drive, Inc., provides assistance to families in need during the holidays. The boardmembers meet with applicants to confirm that the applicants are year-round residents whose children are also year-round residents, and to discuss each child's wish list for Christmas. The boardmembers then purchase toys and collect donations of toys from the community to fulfill each child's wish list as best they can. A wrapping day is held each year where members of the community donate their time to wrap the toys for the children.

Justice Resource Institute Community Service Agency

60 Perseverance Way, 2nd Floor, Hyannis, MA 02601

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Justice Resource Institute provides 'Wraparound' Care Planning where care coordinators work with families to do safety plans and home assessments, assemble the care planning team, develop individual care plans, and ensure that services in the plan are implemented in the right way. Wraparound is an approach to care where the family is put in the center of the planning process and a team is built around the family's vision for their child's future.

LaLeche League International

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La Leche League of Nantucket is a member of La Leche League International, a worldwide, nonprofit, nonsectarian organization dedicated to providing education, information, support, and encouragement to women who want to breastfeed. All breastfeeding mothers, as well as future breastfeeding mothers, are welcome to come to our meetings or call our Leaders for breastfeeding help. The local volunteer Leaders are experienced breastfeeding mothers who have

been accredited by La Leche League International and have access to the latest breastfeeding information. All women and their babies are welcome. You may start with any Series Meeting and come as often as you like.

Martha's Vineyard Community Services

111 Edgartown Road Vineyard Haven MA 02568

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www.mvcommunityservices.com

The Family Support Center of Martha's Vineyard Community Services provides support to families that include family members with disabilities living at home. Supports include information and referral, individualized planning, technical assistance with applying for entitlements, arranging networking and training opportunities, etc. Partnering with other community agencies in hopes of meeting needs within the community is a high priority. Individualized supports are available to families determined eligible through the Dept. of Developmental Services (DDS) and the community at large can take advantage of training and parent networking opportunities that are offered. Note: services are not physically located on the island of Nantucket. The Family Support Center Program Director makes on average 2 visits to the island each month and is always available by phone or email noted above.

Mass Audiology

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Barbara Eaton

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Barbara Eaton has been a licensed hearing consultant for more than 30 years. Servicing the public, nursing homes, and the Council on Aging on Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket's Saltmarsh Center. She also makes the occasional house call. Her services include free hearing tests, consultations, doctor referrals, cleaning and maintenance of hearing instruments, and a full range of hearing products.

Nantucket AIDS Network (NAN)

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Nantucket AIDS Network (NAN) is the island's center for HIV/AIDS and hepatitis care, prevention and education. We offer case management, wellness support and emergency assistance for Nantucket residents living with HIV/AIDS and/or Hepatitis C. We provide free testing for HIV and Hepatitis C, free screenings for Gonorrhea, Chlamydia and Syphilis, as well as free vaccinations for Hepatitis A & B. NAN also sponsors a youth program, Peers Promoting Action & Awareness (PPAA), which provides high school students with the opportunity to serve as peer resources and leaders on HIV and hepatitis risk reduction and education. All services are free and available in English or Spanish.

Nantucket Cottage Hospital Social Services Department

57 Prospect Street, Nantucket, MA 02554

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Nantucket Cottage Hospital's Social Service Department provides an average of 30 hours per week of a broad array of "community" social services in addition to their primary hospital responsibilities. Areas

addressed include general financial assistance via insurance counseling, enrollment assistance in Public Health programs, debt and budget counseling, enrollment in MassHealth, State Insurances, (Commonwealth Care), Food Stamps and Medicare D Prescription plans. Other areas where assistance has been provided include accessing interpreter assistance, help with accessing medications, case management, crisis intervention, long term planning and pro active planning for gaps in service. This office also assists with helping patients get to off island medical appointments when eligible through various funds. All ages are served from infancy to geriatrics.

Nantucket Emergency Food Pantry

2 Madaket Road (Office) 20 Fair Street (Pantry)

Andrew Reis

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Provides food on a temporary basis to persons with no or little income who cannot purchase food for themselves and their families, including persons with limited resources, the elderly, disabled, and those with other special circumstances. Pantry is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4-6PM at 20 Fair Street, St. Paul's Church Annex.

Nantucket Public Schools

10 Surfside Road, Nantucket, MA 02554

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The Nantucket Public Schools provides social work services to identified students through our school based social workers. Services may include consultation, individual and small group counseling, assessment, participation in the Students' Assistance Program, parent training, referral and outreach.

Nantucket STAR (Sports & Therapeutic/Accessible Recreation)

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Since 2003 the Nantucket S.T.A.R. program has offered adapted sports and therapeutic recreational activities for children on Nantucket with special needs. Our integrated programs include families, siblings, and peers of children with special needs. Our goal is to leave no child left behind due to their degree of challenge, be it physical, emotional, or neurological. Nantucket S.T.A.R. offers programs in adapted skating, swimming, water sports, Krav Maga, art classes, and therapeutic playgroups.

Palliative & Supportive Care of Nantucket

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Palliative & Supportive Care of Nantucket is a program of specialized health care, education, and counseling for persons facing any stage of life-threatening illness and support for their families. Services are available throughout the continuum of illness, from the time of diagnosis through cure, or, if cure is unlikely, through advancing illness, death, and bereavement. Care is provided through an interdisciplinary team and is available in any setting – office, home, hospital, or nursing home. All services are provided free of charge. While the program is operated as a department of Nantucket Cottage Hospital, it is funded through fund-raising and donations to Palliative and Supportive Care of Nantucket Foundation.

SeaPony Farm

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SeaPony Farm offers equine assisted activities to children and adults with disabilities.

Women, Infants & Children's Services (WIC)

A program of Health Initiatives

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WIC is a nutrition program that provides nutrition and health education, healthy food and other services such as breastfeeding support and referrals to other community organizations. It is free of charge to Massachusetts families who qualify. We serve women (pregnant and up to 1 year postpartum), infants and children until age 5. Interpreter services available.

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