Lorain County Agency Resources

**Blessing House** • 440-240-1851 • 5440 Grove Avenue, Lorain, 44055 • Sister Mary Berigan, SND Director • mberigan@hotmail.com • [www.blessinghouse.org](http://www.blessinghouse.org)

Lorain County Board of Developmental Disabilities (LCBDD) • 440-324-2366/24hr Crisis 440-282-1131 • 9740 Murray Ridge Rd., Elyria, 44035 • Dr. Jeff Neal, Director of Service & Support Admin. • jneal@murrayridgecenter.org • [www.murrayridgecenter.org](http://www.murrayridgecenter.org)

**LCCC Learning Center ABLE Consortium & GED** • 440-366-4811 • 201 Burns Road, Elyria, 44035 • Mary Murphy, GED Director • mmurphy@lorainccc.edu

**Teen Institute of Lorain County** • 440-396-7280 • 4950 Oberlin Avenue, Lorain, 44053 • Darrell Shumpert, Prevention Educator, LCADA • 440-396-7280 • truelightprod@yahoo.com • [http://www.ctcloraincounty.org/ticl](http://www.ctcloraincounty.org/ticl)

**Help Me Grow** • 800-729-8687 • 226 Middle Avenue, Elyria 44035 • Melissa Stefano, Director • mstefano@loraincounty.us • 440-284-4467 • [http://www.elyriahealth.com/child-health/help.shtml](http://www.elyriahealth.com/child-health/help.shtml)

**Bellefaire JCB** • 440-324-5701 • 347 Midway Blvd., Suite 200, Elyria 44035 • Kara Poth, Supervisor of Integrated Co-occurring Treatment Program • pothk@bellefairejcb.org • [http://www.bellefairejcb.org](http://www.bellefairejcb.org)

**Beech Brook** • 440-324-4980 • 347 Midway Blvd., Elyria, 44035 • Dr. Jessica Ryan, Director • jryan@beechbrook.org • [www.beechbrook.org](http://www.beechbrook.org)

**WillowCreek PEP** • 440-748-6120 • 11600 N. Durkee Road, Grafton, 44044 • Nancy Gecking, Program Coordinator • ngecking@pepcleve.org

**Lorain County Health & Dentistry** • 440-240-1655 • 1205 Broadway Avenue, Lorain 44055 • Rebecca Shaw, Community Outreach & Volunteer Coordinator • 440-240-1658 • rebecca.shaw@lorainhealth-dentistry.org • [www.lorainhealth-dentistry.com](http://www.lorainhealth-dentistry.com)

**Genesis House** • 440-324-3400 • PO Box 718, Lorain, 44055 • Virginia Beckman, Executive Director • vbgenesishouse@gmail.com • [www.genesisshouseshelter.org](http://www.genesisshouseshelter.org)

**Lorain County Domestic Relations Court, Juvenile Division** • 440-328-2213 • 225 Court Street, Elyria, 44035 • Jen Kerns, Specialized Services Program Director • kerns.jen@lfct.org • [www.loriancounty.com/domesticrelations](http://www.loriancounty.com/domesticrelations)

**Lorain County Children Services** • 440-329-5340 • 226 Middle Ave., Elyria, 44035 • Patti Jo Burntett, Public Relations Manager • 440.329.5172 • pattijoburntett@childrenservices.org • [www.childrenservices.org](http://www.childrenservices.org)

**Nord Center** • 440-204-4309 • 6140 S. Broadway, Lorain, 44053 • Athena Dukes, M.Ed., PCC • 440-204-4392 • adukes@nordcenter.org • [www.nordcenter.org](http://www.nordcenter.org)
**Blessing House**

Blessing House serves as a safety net for children of families in crisis by providing a temporary safe home for children and support for their families. They accept children from Birth to age 12 and the parents don’t lose custody. This service is available more for instances where a parent temporarily is unable to care for their child/children (ex. surgery, drug/alcohol rehabilitation, short-term incarceration, medical emergency, etc.) and don’t have family or friends to care for the child/children. State law allows Parents/Officers/Caregivers to sign the child/children into Blessing House for 72hrs and if the parent is not the one doing he initial signing, Blessing House personnel will follow-up with the parent within the 72hrs. See attachment for contact info.

**Lorain County Board of Developmental Disabilities (Murray Ridge)**

Murray Ridge’s 24hr crisis line is 440-282-1131/ask for Jeff Neal. This can be utilized by Law Enforcement in instances of crisis involving the disabled. Similar to the Blessing House resource, but for the disabled. We have run into situations where adult disabled persons are taken care of by their parents, who may suffer a medical emergency or other situation that prevents them from caring for the disabled adult child. Murray Ridge can assist temporarily placing the disabled person with a care provider.

See attachment for other contact info.

**LCCC Learning Center ABLE Consortium & GED**

This is a great resource for referring citizens who could benefit from completing a GED program. Classes are free and the cost for taking the GED test is $120.00, but some may qualify for a voucher to cover the cost. They also have classes specific for those needing ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages). See attachment for contact information.

**Teen Institute of Lorain County**

Teen Institute of Lorain County (TiLC) is a countywide coalition of high school students who set out to spread the message of living a drug-free and alcohol-free life and making positive choices. See attachment for contact info.

TiLC exists to achieve these goals:

- To promote abstinence from drugs and alcohol abuse
- To provide a positive teen perspective on these issues
- To promote safe and healthy fun for our peers
- To eradicate underage substance abuse in Lorain County

**Help Me Grow**

Help Me Grow is Ohio’s birth to age three system that provides family-centered services for expectant parents, newborns, infants and toddlers and their families. LCC&FC (Lorain County Children & Family Council) administers the Help Me Grow Early Intervention Service Coordination program which provides screening, evaluation, assessment, on-going monitoring, service coordination, and transition services to families with children who have a diagnosed delay or disability. See attachment for contact info.

**Bellefaire JCB/Beech Brook/WillowCreek PEP**

These child welfare agencies provide a variety of behavioural health, substance abuse, education and prevention services for troubled youth and their families. See attachment for contact info.

**Lorain County Health & Dentistry**

Committed to respecting the dignity of every person, and provides quality, comprehensive and compassionate primary health care (medical and dental) to the people of Lorain and surrounding communities regardless of ability to pay. Provides assistance with financial and charity applications, referral services for specialists and medical testing, and assistance with prescriptions. See attachment for contact information.