

Christian Emergency Council

Description: The council is made up of ten local churches who provide up to \$150 in support of residents who are behind on utility bills. Recipients may receive help only once in a two-year period. Assistance from the CEC is provided in conjunction with citizens receiving assistance through other area agencies or programs mentioned in this directory. Donations are accepted at any time.

Circle of Parents, sponsored by Rappahannock Area Council for Children and Parents (RACCAP)

Physical Address: 1320 Central Park Blvd., Ste. 264 Fredericksburg, VA 22404
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 7402 Fredericksburg, VA 22404
Phone: 540-785-6217 or toll free 1-877-785-6217
Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday
Group meetings: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Monday thru Thursday evenings
Orange Group mtg: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Tuesdays, St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Orange Location: 119 Caroline St., Orange, VA 22960
E-mail: raccap@raccap.org
Website: <http://www.raccap.org>

Description: RACCAP promotes positive parenting skills in order to prevent child abuse and neglect. RACCAP serves Orange County in addition to Planning District 16 (Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania, King George, Caroline and Stafford). RACCAP sponsors nine Circle of Parents groups throughout their service area. Groups meet in the evening from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and begin with a pizza dinner for the participating families from 6:30-7:00. Following dinner the children and parents participate in separate programs. The children's program is designed to build children's self concept and self esteem. The parenting program presents strategies to parents to support them in becoming more nurturing and effective parents resulting in happier, healthier families. The program ends at 8:00 p.m.

Family Nutrition Program (formerly known as SCNEP)

Physical Address: Sedwick Building., 146 Madison Rd., Orange, VA 22960
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 30, Orange, VA 22960
Phone: 540-672-1361
Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday
Website: <http://offices.ext.vt.edu/orange>

Description: The Family Nutrition Program of Virginia Cooperative Extension is here to teach limited income residents how to make healthier food choices, prepare healthy meals for their families, and stretch food dollars making the most of available food resources. The Orange office also provides support and education for new mothers interested in breastfeeding their infants. Participation is free of charge and open to all low income residents of Orange and Madison Counties.

Food Pantry

Physical Address: 258 Blue Ridge Drive, Orange, VA 22960
Phone: 672-7858 or 672-5546 (home numbers of volunteers)
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Wednesdays except 5th Wednesday
4:00-6:00 p.m., 3rd Monday evenings

Description: The food pantry provides food commodities (USDA and other) primarily to families receiving Food Stamps. They also provide food supplies in emergency situations, such as fires, etc. Donations are accepted from the community, both food and cash, to help supply food to area families.

First Call for Help

Physical Address: 118 East Piedmont Street, Culpeper, VA 22701

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 398, Culpeper, VA 22701
Phone: 825-7615 or dial 2-1-1 for Virginia's Service Directory
E-mail: Info@piedmontunitedway.org

Description: FIRST CALL FOR HELP is a program of Piedmont United Way, an Information and Referral (I&R) service that connects people in need of services or information with providers. The program is part of Virginia's 2-1-1 system, so dial 211 from any phone and ask to be connected with First Call For Help. First Call for Help serves Orange, Madison, Culpeper, Rappahannock, and Fauquier and can help citizens get clearer direction toward help with just one phone call.

Free Clinic, Orange County

Clinic Address: 450 N. Madison Rd. (Health Dept. Building), Orange, VA
Clinic Phone: 540-672-0793
Clinic Fax: 540-672-4211
Clinic hours: Tuesdays 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Office Address: 127 Belleview Ave., Orange, VA 22960
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 441, Orange, VA 22960
Office Phone: 540-672-3530
Office Fax: 540-672-3531
Office Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday
E-mail: ocfc@verizon.net

The Orange County Free Clinic provides primary medical care, medications and limited dental services to the residents of Orange County who are uninsured or underinsured and have incomes at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty level.

Habitat for Humanity

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 65, Orange, VA 22960
Phone: 540-672-5041 (leave a message)
Website: www.ochfh.org
E-mail: ochfh@ochfh.org

Description: HFH partners with low income families to help provide them with safe, decent, & affordable housing. We partner with families to build simple, decent houses which are then sold to the partner families at 0% interest. There are three main guidelines: 1) family lives in substandard housing and cannot improve their situation on their own, 2) family is willing to partner with Habitat for Humanity by putting in 150 hours of sweat equity per able adult, and 3) family is able to repay a 0% interest mortgage. Families must currently live in Orange County, and not been involved in bankruptcy for at least one year. Families qualify if they have between 25-50% of the area median income.

Healthy Families Orange

Physical Address: 450 N. Madison Road, Orange, VA 22960 (Health Dept.)
Phone: 540-672-1291 X115
Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday
E-mail: Wanda.Apperson@vdh.virginia.gov

Description: Healthy Families is a program that supports new and expectant parents. We serve as a resource to locate community services, provide up-to-date information on ways to create a stronger parent-child relationship, and help support families based on their strengths and individual situations. The services are free to Orange County residents and are voluntary. Enrollment usually occurs during

the pregnancy, but families can enroll until the baby is three months old. Families are provided with a comprehensive assessment, and then may be assigned a family support worker who provides services through home visitation. Services are provided until the child enters preschool or reaches age five.

Paul Stefan Home for Expectant Mothers

Physical Address: 8180 Everona Rd., Unionville, VA 22567
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 754, Locust Grove, VA 22508
Phone: 540-854-2300
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday
E-mail: psfoundation@hughes.net
Website: <http://www.paulstefanhome.org>

Description: The Paul Stefan Home provides transitional housing to expectant mothers, age 18 and older, for up to two years. The program provides services to meet residents' physical, educational, emotional and spiritual needs as well as connections with various community service agencies to help each mother to grow to be self-sufficient.

Rapidan Better Housing

Physical Address: 306 Thrift Rd., Madison, VA 22727
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1028, Madison, VA 22727
Phone: 540-948-3274
Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday, but call first!
E-mail: Cindy@fauquierhousing.org or Janet@fauquierhousing.org

Description: Rapidan Better Housing provides basic health and safety home repairs for low- and moderate-income families. Some programs are offered in all counties of the Planning District while some are restricted to Orange and Madison Counties. RBH has limited grant funds and low interest loan funds, with some programs restricted to homeowners. Agency priorities are accessibility issues, safety emergencies, and installation of indoor plumbing.

RuraLove Ministries

Physical address: 587 Mica Road, Mineral, VA 23117
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 296, Mineral, VA 23117
Phone: 540-894-8440
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to Noon, Monday – Thursday, applications accepted
9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Wednesdays, Thrift store open
E-mail: goshenba@nexet.net

Description: RuraLove is a cooperative ministry of local churches. They accept applications from case workers on behalf of their clients to receive used furniture, appliances, some limited baby items and clothing. Clients' example situations include victims of a house fire, residents moving out of a shelter, leaving an abusive situation, elderly, disabled, or low income. All requests are subject to availability of items being requested. The organization is Christian-based and clients' requests will be delivered by a church in their community. Clients attending a local church should supply that information as the home church may be able to respond to the need. The Goshen Baptist Ministry Center provides a warehouse for the churches to store donated items to be given to families in need. There is also a Thrift Store in the warehouse open on Wednesdays 9:30 am - 1pm for individuals to come and purchase items not considered necessities of life and clothing for the whole family at very low cost.

Salvation Army

Contact Orange Department of Social Services.

Social Services, Orange County Department of

Physical Address: 146 Madison Rd., Suite 201, Orange, VA 22960-1410

Phone: 540-672-1155

FAX: 540-672-9118

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

Description: The Department of Social Services (DSS) provides Adult and Child Protective Services and follows up on citizen reports of abuse and neglect, conducting investigations when necessary. Adult and Family Services programs provided include child day care assistance, foster care, companion services, and nursing home pre-screening assessments. Office staff coordinate Fuel and Cooling Assistance monies, accepting applications each fall and summer, and awarding funds to help pay for items such as firewood, heating oil, propane, electric fans, air conditioners, etc. Food Stamps applications are accepted here and applicants' eligibility is based on income, resources, and the number of people in the household. Food Stamp benefits are issued on an electronic debit card to purchase grocery staples. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) is a financial assistance program for a family where a parent may be absent or disabled, or the parent is under-employed. DSS is also the location for our local Virginia Initiative for Employment not Welfare (VIEW) program which helps citizens with job-related searches—writing resumes, practicing interview techniques, and enhancing job search efforts and job skills. Medicaid applications for adults and children are received and processed for assistance with medical costs.

Virginia Cooperative Extension

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Description: Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) is an educational outreach program of land-grant universities Virginia Tech and Virginia State University. The office manages 4-H youth development programs for youth ages 5-18 in 4-H clubs, camps, school programs, and short-term special interest workshops. Family and Consumer Science programs assist families with financial literacy and planning, budgeting, and retirement planning, as well as family health and nutrition and matters of child development. The Family Nutrition Program educates residents about healthy food choices and stretching the food dollar, and also provides breastfeeding support and education to new mothers. Agriculture and Natural Resources programs are provided regarding farming operations and agribusiness issues as well as nutrient management planning, soil sampling, and identification of weeds, pests, and plant diseases. The Master Gardener program trains volunteers in all matters of home horticulture, and volunteers are available throughout the year to provide free education and advice to local citizens regarding lawns, gardens, etc. Virginia Cooperative Extension programs are open to all who wish to participate, and most programs are free or charge a nominal fee to cover supplies.

WIC Program – of Orange Health Department

Physical Address: 450 N. Madison Rd., Orange, VA 22960

Phone: 540-672-1291

Fax: 540-672-1391

Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

Website: <http://www.vahealth.org/wic/>

WIC stands for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children. The program provides checks for nutritious foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding promotion and support, and referrals to other community services. The goal of the program is to improve the health of pregnant women, infants, and children (under 5 years) through better nutrition, information, and access to health care. To be eligible for the WIC Program, applicants must meet income guidelines. Call local Health Department for appointment.