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"Helping People, Changing Lives."

Rental Directory

Mecosta & Osceola County

**If you are homeless, please
contact via text or calling
877-213-5955**

Mission Statement

Mid Michigan Community Action guides local residents on the path to self-sufficiency through empowerment, education and community enrichment.

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INTRODUCTION

Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency services as the Housing Assessment Resource Agency (HARA) in six counties across Mid-Michigan. Our programs are designed to assist literally homeless households with rental assistance, deposit assistance, and emergency shelter.

What is the Purpose of this Directory?

In this directory, you will find valuable information for rental housing in your community. This includes names and phone numbers of local landlords and property managers, and the basic rental guidelines for their properties. In addition, this directory provides you with additional resources in the area, and helpful tips on how to apply for housing and how to be a quality tenant.

WHAT IS FAIR MARKET RENT?

Every year, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) estimates Fair Market Rent for urban and rural areas across the nation.

Fair Market Rent can help determine how much a rental payment should be based on location and the number of bedrooms in the unit. Below are the estimated fair cost of rent in Mecosta and Osceola Counties:

County	SRO	0 BR	1BR	2BR	3BR	4BR
Mecosta	492	656	799	939	1199	1331
Osceola	474	633	689	905	1124	1415

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A Single Room is a unit for one person in a multi-unit housing building that contains units. A unit typically consists of a single room. The SRO building typically contains a shared bath and may also include a shared common kitchen and common activity area.

Fair Market for unit sizes larger than four bedrooms is calculated by adding 15 percent to the four-bedroom FMR, for each extra bedroom. For example, the FMR for a five-bedroom unit is 1.15 times the four-bedroom FMR, and the FMR for a six-bedroom unit is 1.30 times the four-bedroom FMR

FINDING THE RIGHT RENTAL

This section is designed to help you find the right rental for you and your household. Choosing a unit that is affordable and will be a good fit will lead to better long-term stability.

Before paying a rental application fee, it is important to know if the landlord will screen your criminal history, credit history, and rental history. If you know in advance whether the landlord will rent to people in your situation, you may decide if it would be worth paying the application fee.

How Do I Get Ready?

- Choose a few rental properties that fit your household. Use the *Housing Search Tracker* to help you remember when you have scheduled an appointment to look at the unit, if you applied, and when or whom you need to follow up about the unit.
- If possible, call from a quiet place so you can hear the landlord. It is also better if the landlord does not hear a lot of noise in the background.
- If asked about past issues with evictions or criminal records, be prepared to explain the circumstances, what changes you have made or are making to prevent similar issues from occurring again.
- Know when you are prepared or able to move.
- Write down the name of the person you talked to, his or her phone number, and the date you made the call.

What Should I Say?

If someone answers: "Hello my name is _____. I am looking for a (1,2,3,4,5) bedroom apartment/house for (this month, next month, two months from now). Do you have any available units?"

If you leave a message: "Hello my name is _____. I am looking for a (1,2,3,4,5) bedroom apartment/house for (this month, two months from now). If you could call me back at _____ it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

If the landlord DOES NOT have any available units: "Do you have any other properties with a vacancy?"

If the landlord DOES have a vacancy, ask the questions below and write the response in the space provided.

What If They Ask About My Past?

The landlord may ask you to explain the circumstances if you have bad credit, a criminal history, or prior evictions. The best response is to be truthful, take responsibility for your mistakes, and talk about what you are doing to make sure it never happens again. On the lines provided below, you might want to write some notes to make sure you are prepared to answer the landlord's questions. In addition, below you will also find suggestions that might show a landlord how you are improving your life.

- *Employed for ___ months/years.*
- *Going to school or job training*
- *Working with a credit counselor*
- *Paying off money you owe*
- *Establish a saving account.*
- *Taking classes on budgeting your money*
- *Becoming informed on how to be a good tenant*
- *Working with a case manager*
- *Talking to a counselor*
- *Ending a bad relationship*
- *Completed treatment or been sober for ___ years.*

What if I want to see the place?

- *“Is it possible to set up a time to see the apartment?” _____*
- *“Can you give me directions from (where you are living/staying)?” _____*
- *“May I have your name again; in case I need to call you back?” _____*
- *“And what is the best number to reach you at?” _____*

Be sure to thank him or her before hanging up.

TIPS FOR BEING A QUALITY TENANT

1. Know and comply with the conditions of your lease or rental agreement.

This includes not allowing pets or other people to stay in your unit if it is not allowed in your lease, take care of yard, snow removal, etc. In addition, follow rules about smoking, parking, etc.

2. Get all utilities put in your name immediately at move-in.

Call utility companies and transfer billing in your name for all utilities you are required to pay. If utilities are provided from landlord, find out what to expect from them moving forward.

3. Refrain from damaging the premises or allowing guest to cause damage.

Remember that this is now the home in which you live. For example, cleaning up carpet spills or coloring on the walls. If damage does occur, let landlord know as soon as possible! Do not worry, you will not get in trouble. It is best to be honest instead of hiding it.

4. Keep your unit clean and properly dispose of garbage.

Do not let garbage build up and try to dispose of it weekly. A clean home is a happy home!

5. Submit requests to your landlord in writing to avoid disputes and misunderstandings; keep copies of all responses.

It does not have to be a formal letter or email, just something stating what you are requesting and why it is important to you. Also, make the tone polite and reasonable.

6. Notify your landlord in writing of needed repairs to keep unit in good working order.

Landlords appreciate knowing if something is not working properly. If you are having issues contacting landlord, let case manager know right away.

7. Allow your landlord to enter your unit for safety or maintenance reasons, with proper advanced notice.

Generally, landlords will give 24 hours' notice before entering except in the case of an emergency.

8. Keep noise levels to a minimum.

You want good neighbors, so also try to be a good neighbor.

9. Consider purchasing renter's insurance to cover your personal property in the event of a loss.

Be aware that landlords carry insurance to cover their losses only. Their insurance will not cover the loss of your belongings should something tragic occur like a flood or fire.

10. Give proper advanced notice to your landlord about your intentions to vacate the properly, with consideration of the terms of your lease or rental agreement.

Thirty days' notice is usually the norms but review your lease to know for sure. In addition, some landlords may require you to complete certain tasks before vacating so you can avoid losing our security deposit. For example, remove ALL items from unit, clean certain areas, etc.

11. Always ask for receipts or use money orders when giving landlords rent or deposits.

This will help keep a record of the amount that has been paid just in case there are any confusions between you and your landlord.

APARTMENT COMPLEXES IN MECOSTA COUNTY

Big Rapids Housing Commission

9 Parkview Village Drive, Big Rapids, MI 49307 231-796-8689 bigrapidshousing.org

Services Provided:

- Low-income public housing
- Family housing and Senior/disabled/handicapped housing.
- Housing application online

Evergreen Village (Big Rapids Housing Commission)

100 Parkview Village, Big Rapids, MI 49307 231-796-8689 bigrapidshousing.org

Services Provided:

- Income based family, senior or disabled housing.
- 1–6-bedroom units available
- Rent is 30% of income or maximum (flat) rent.
- Utilities included in rent.
- No application fees.
- Barrier free units, 24 Hr. maintenance, and neighborhood watch
- Playground and community space

Nisbett Fairman Residences (Big Rapids Housing Commission)

208 Maple Street, Big Rapids, MI 49307 231-796-4609 bigrapidshousing.com

Services Provided:

- Income Based
- Barrier free for seniors 55+
- 1–2-bedroom units available
- Housing Choice Vouchers accepted (Section 8).
- No application fees.
- Heat, water, and trash included.
- Washer and dryer in unit.
- Community spaces, theater, and billiards.

Appleridge Apartments

1133 Fuller Ave, Big Rapids, MI 49307 231-796-2303 rentlinx.kmgprestige.com

Services Provided:

- Low-income family & individual housing
- 1–2-bedroom units available
- Housing Choice Vouchers accepted (Section 8).
- Online & in person application. No application fee for HUD units
- Water/sewer, trash removal, snow removal, and lawn care included.
- No Pets allowed.

White Pine Manor

300 N Perry Street, Barryton, MI 49305 989-382-7647 rentlinx.kmgprestige.com

Services Provided:

- Income based.
- Barrier free for seniors or individuals with disabilities
- 1–2-bedroom units available
- Housing Choice Vouchers accepted (Section 8).
- Heat, water, trash, sewer, snow, and lawn included. Resident pays electricity.
- No Pets allowed.

Country Place Apartments

815 Country Way, Big Rapids, MI 49307 231-796-2215 stratfordgroupltd.rentlinx.com

Services Provided:

- 1–2-bedroom units available
- Senior and Family housing
- Housing Choice Vouchers accepted (Section 8).
- Application online. Can mail and email it. No application fees.
- Hat, water/sewer, trash removal, and gas included.
- No pets allowed.
- No smoking
- Playground.

Remus Apartments

8890 35th Ave, Remus, MI 49340 989-967-8121 medallionmgmt.com

Services Provided:

- 1–2-bedroom units available
- Application through email. No application fees.
- Does not accept Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8).
- Heat, electricity, water, sewer, and trash included.
- No pets allowed.
- A/C included. Laundry Facilities.
- Playground and community room.

Village Green Apartments

1300 Catherine Street, Big Rapids, MI 49307 231-796-4590 medallionmgmt.com

Services Provided:

- Income based individual & family housing.
- 1–2-bedroom units available
- Heat, water, sewer, and trash included.
- Balcony, patio, Playground, picnic area, and grilling area.
- Laundry facilities.

Roseville Apartments

7877 Hammond Lane, Mecosta, MI 49332 231-796-7650 gldmanagement.com

Services Provided:

- 1–2-bedroom units apartment homes.
- Family and senior housing
- Housing Choice Vouchers accepted (Section 8).
- No application fees.
- Water, sewer, and trash included.
- Pets allowed.
- Barrier free units. Front and backyard.
- Smoke Free and 24 Hr. maintenance.

Ryan Creek Apartments I and II

18914 16 Mile Road, Big Rapids, MI 49307 231-796-7650 gldmanagment.com

Services Provided:

- 1–2-bedroom units & 3-bedroom townhomes available
- Housing Choice Vouchers accepted (Section 8).
- Online application. No application fees.
- Sewer, water, and trash included.
- Pets allowed.
- Smoke free.
- Patio, Balcony, Playground, and picnic area.
- Central air, Washer, and dryer

Watertower Place Apartments

715 Watertower Road, Big Rapids, MI 49307 231-629-8350 hopenetwork.org

Services Provided:

- Income based housing for physically handicapped individuals.
- Barrier free for individuals with disabilities
- 1–2-bedroom units available.
- Does not accept Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8).
- Applications are available through email, mail, and outside of property. No application fees.
- Gas, water, and trash included. Residents pay for electricity.
- Pets allowed. Deposit and policy applied.
- Central air.

STUDENT HOUSING AND SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY

**These housing complexes may have students in them. In some units you may share the unit with students or other individuals. There may be shared spaces like kitchens, bathrooms, and living rooms. You may have to split utilities bills with everyone in the unit. **

Northland Flats Apartments

14465 Northland Drive, Big Rapids, MI, 49307 231-796-5899 northlandflats.com

Services Provided:

- 2- & 4-bedroom units
- Rent by room and unit.
- Does not accept Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8).
- In person application. No application fees. Security deposit of \$425 due.
- Cable, Wi-Fi, maintenance, and snow removal included.
- Pets welcome with size and breed restrictions. 2 pet maximum per apartment. \$200 pet deposit and monthly pet rent of \$25-unless the pet is a service animal or emotional support animal.

Eight Thirty Water Tower Apartments

830 Water tower Rd. Big Rapids, MI, 49307 231-598-4321 830watertower.com

Services Provided:

- Student and Family Housing
- 1,2 and 4 bedrooms available
- Rent by the room.
- Online application. \$50 application fee.
- Does not accept third party payments.
- Water and trash included. Resident responsible for electricity.
- Pets under 50 lbs. welcome.
- Furnished
- Patio/balcony

Hillcrest Apartment

1101 Fuller Ave, Big Rapids, MI 49307 231-598-4326 hillcrestoakwood.com

Services Provided:

- Individual, student, and family housing
- 1- and 4-bedroom units available
- Individual rooms for rent.
- Housing Choice Voucher accepted (Section 8).
- Online application. \$50 application fee.
- Resident responsible for electricity. \$25 water and sewer fee.
- Pet friendly.

Parklane Apartments

521 Fuller Ave, Big Rapids, MI 49307

231-796-4900

bigrapids.campusvillage.com

Services Provided:

- Individual, student & family housing
- Can be rented by bedroom.
- 2-bedroom units available.
- Does not accept Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8).
- \$120 application fee that turns into deposit on apartment.
- Residents are responsible for water and electricity.
- Pets allowed with a \$200 deposit.

Rapids Apartments

217 Morrison St. Big Rapids, MI, 49307

231-598-4499

bigrapid.campusvillage.com

Services Provided:

- Individual, student & family housing
- Can be rented by bedroom. 2-4 bedrooms
- Does not accept Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8).
- \$120 application fee that turns into deposit on apartment.
- Residents are responsible for water and electricity.
- Pets allowed \$200 deposit.
- Onsite laundry and central air

Rivertown Apartments

720 Clark. Big Rapids, MI, 49307

231-598-4499

bigrapid.campusvillage.com

Services Provided:

- Primarily student housing.
- Lease by room
- 1-, 2-, and 4-bedroom units.
- Does not accept Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8).
- Online application. Administration and application fees of \$120
- Resident pays water, gas, and electric.
- Pets allowed.

College Town

19500 14 Mile Road, Big Rapids, MI 49307

231-465-3787

campuscommunitiesferrisstate.com

Services Provided:

- Student, Individual, and family housing.
- Can be rented out by room.
- 2–4-bedroom units available
- Online application. No application fees.
- Utilities not included in rent.
- Pets are welcome. If a pet is not an emotional support animal there is a \$25 monthly fee.
- Private bathroom and balcony off each room.
- Gym, pool, clubhouse, and volleyball courts.

The Townhomes

20151 Gilbert Rd, Big Rapids, MI 49307 231-465-3787 campuscommunitiesferrisstate.com

Services Provided:

- Student, Individual, and family housing.
- Can be rented out by room.
- 2–4-bedroom units available
- Online application. No application fees.
- Utilities not included in rent.
- Pets are welcome. If a pet is not an emotional support animal there is a \$25 monthly fee.
- Private bathroom and balcony off each room.
- Gym, pool, clubhouse, and volleyball courts.

The Cottages

14135 Bulldog Lane, Big Rapids, MI 49307 231-465-3787 campuscommunitiesferrisstate.com

Services Provided:

- Student, Individual, and family housing.
- Can be rented out by room.
- 2–4-bedroom units available
- Online application. No application fees.
- Utilities not included in rent.
- Pets are welcome. If a pet is not an emotional support animal there is a \$25 monthly fee.
- Private bathroom and balcony off each room.
- Gym, pool, clubhouse, and volleyball courts.

Venlo Place Apartments

15345 Venlo Drive, Big Rapids, MI 49307 231-796-5899 venloplace.com

Services Provided:

- Student, individual, and family housing.
- 2–4-bedroom units available
- Can be rented by room.
- Drive under, Split level and two story set ups available.
- Does not accept Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8).
- Online and in person application. \$75 processing fee and \$350 holding fee.
- Trash and snow included.
- Pets allowed.
- Central A/C and Heat
- Fitness Center

Walnut Knoll Apartments

311 Morrison Street, Big Rapids, MI 49307 231-660-4352 walnutknollapt.com

Services Provided:

- Individual & student housing
- 1–2-bedroom units available
- Only online applications. ID and proof of income needed.
- Heat, water, and sewer included. Resident pays electricity.
- Limited pet availability.
- Free access to the Internet and satellite TV.
- Washer/dryer in each building

APARTMENT COMPLEXES IN OSCEOLA COUNTY

Evert Housing Commission

601 W. First Street, Evert, MI 49631 231-734-3301 evarthousing.com

Services Provided:

- Low-income public housing and senior housing
- Housing Choice Vouchers accepted.
- Online Application

Reed City Housing Commission

802 South Mill Street, Reed City, MI 49677 231-832-2762 reedcityhousing.com

Services Provided:

- Low-income public housing
- Senior and Family housing
- Housing Choice Vouchers accepted.
- 1–4-bedroom units

Centennial Arms (Evert Housing Commission)

601 W 1st Street, Evert, MI 49631 231-734-3301 evarthousing.com

Services Provided:

- 1-bedroom units & family townhouses available
- Utilities included in rent.
- 1-3 bedrooms
- 24 Hr. maintenance and laundry facilities
- Low-income family & individual housing
- Playground and community space.
- Housing Choice Vouchers accepted (Section 8).

Meadowview Village Apartments (Reed City Housing Commission)

802 S Mill Street, Reed City, MI 49677 231-832-2762 reedcityhousing.com

Services Provided:

- Individual & family housing
- Housing Choice Vouchers accepted (Section 8).
- 1–2-bedroom senior housing
- Heat included.

Meadowbrook Green Apartments

777 South Roth St, Reed City, MI, 49677 231-465-4049 midcentralapartments.com

Services Provided:

- 1-2 bedrooms
- Utilities included in rent.
- Online pre-applications.
- No pets allowed.
- Does not accept Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8)
- On-site laundry.

Cross Roads Apartments

848 S. Chestnut St, Reed City, MI 49677 231-832-7025 kmgprestige.com

Services Provided:

- Family & individual housing
- Water included. Residents pays electric, gas, and heat.
- 2–3-bedroom units available
- Laundry in unit
- Housing Choice Vouchers accepted (Section 8).
- Small cats and dogs allowed

Franklin Point South

331 W Church Ave, Reed City, MI 49677

231-832-9401

franklinpointapts.com

Services Provided:

- Individual & family housing
- Income based.
- 1–2-bedroom units available
- Housing Choice Vouchers accepted (Section 8).
- Water, sewer, and trash included.
- Only service animals allowed.
- Laundry rooms on site.

James Manor Senior Apartments

424 W Franklin Ave, Reed City, MI 49677

231-832-9401

Services Provided:

- Senior housing (ages 55+)
- 1–2-bedroom units available
- Housing Choice Vouchers accepted (Section 8).
- Online application. \$30 per adult application fee
- Utility allowance. Heat included.
- No pets allowed.
- 24 Hr. Maintenance

Springview Manor Apartments

765 W Jefferson Road, Ewart, MI 49631

231-734-9978

gldmanagement.com

Services Provided:

- Low-income individual & family housing
- 1–3-bedroom units available
- Housing Choice Vouchers accepted (Section 8).
- Online application. No application fees.
- Heat, sewer, trash, and water included.
- Pets are welcome.
- 24 Hr. Maintenance
- Balcony/ patio, playground, picnic area and yard area included.
- Smoke free living environment.

Stoney Creek Apartments

815 S Roth Street #104-B1, Reed City, MI 49677

231-832-2443

medallionmgmt.com

Services Provided:

- Individual & family housing
- Rent based on income.
- 1–2-bedroom units available
- Online and in person application. No application fees.
- Heat, water, sewer, and trash included. Resident pays electric.
- No pets unless emotional support animal or service animal.
- Units come with laundry facilities, balcony, and internet.

Village Glen Marion Apartments

520 W 1st Street, Marion, MI 49665

231-743-6563

rentlinx.kmgprestige.com

Services Provided:

- Individual & family housing
- 1–3-bedroom units available
- Water, heat, and gas included. Resident pays electricity.
- Housing Choice Voucher accepted (Section 8).

MOBILE HOME PARKS

Big Rapids Mobile Home Court

606 Bjornson Street #C3 Big Rapids, MI 49307

231-796-8151

Services Provided:

- Rentals and lots for sale
- 2-3 bedrooms
- Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) not accepted.
- In person applications. No application fees.
- No utilities included.
- Small dogs allowed. No pet fees.

College Park Mobile Village

1111 Catherine St #1, Big Rapids, MI 49307

231-598-2251

Services Provided:

- Rentals.
- 2-3 bedrooms.
- No online applications.
- Pets welcome.

Country Manor Estates

18500 Northland Dr, Big Rapids, MI

countrymanorbr@gmail.com

231-349-6946

Services Provided:

- Rentals
- Prescreening conducted. Must meet basic rental criteria.

Haven View Mobile Home Court

18505 Northland Drive, Big Rapids, MI 49307

231-796-2617

Services Provided:

- Mobile home rentals
- Call the office for application information.
- Housing Choice Vouchers accepted (Section 8).
- Water, sewer, trash, and lawn care included. Resident responsible for Consumers and DTE bill.

Parks Place Estates

14065 30th Avenue, Remus, MI 49340

231-349-3147

Services Provided:

- Rentals
- Small pets allowed.
- Conduct background check and credit score check.

White Birch Estates

107 White Birch Dr, Reed City, MI 49677

231-832-4711

Services Provided:

- Rentals
- 2-3 Bedrooms
- Does not accept Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8).
- In person application. Background check conducted. Fee for background check.
- No utilities included in the rent.
- Dogs less than 40 pounds allowed. \$25 fee a month.

OTHER HOUSING RESOURCES

There are other housing opportunities outside of traditional complexes that allow for flexibility for the tenant. This is great for individuals that are not able to meet the criteria for traditional complexes. Some resources to find nontraditional housing opportunities are Facebook and Craigslist. There is often housing available on these sites. However, beware of scams when looking at these platforms. Two more sites to find housing are at:

- affordablehousing.com
- housing.state.mi.us/

These links may be repeat complexes, and some are singular units with private landlords.

SCAMS

Be aware of housing and rental scams when looking for housing. Once you send money or share your personal information you are not able to get it back. If you do find a rental scam you can report it to the local law enforcement agency and the website where it was posted.

Warning signs of a scam are:

- The price is too good to be true.
- You can't tour the property.
- They ask for money before signing the lease.
- You have to pay in an unusual way.
- They rush you into a deal.

Avoid scams by:

- Looking at the property before signing the lease or paying.
- Consider the price of the rental and the Fair Market Rent for the area.
- Don't pay in cash, wire transfers, crypto currency, gift cards or through Venmo or PayPal.
- Protect your personal information and be careful who you send it to.
- Take your time looking at the property and don't be rushed into a deal.
- Google the address and landlord to see if it is listed anywhere else and if all information aligns.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For a comprehensive resource directory, call 2-1-1. The most up to date information and resources is found there. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. If you are calling from outside Michigan or have any difficulty reaching 2-1-1 from your phone, dial 1-844-875-9211. **For all emergencies, call 9-1-1.**

Emergency Contacts

Mecosta County Sheriff’s Office.....	231-592-0150
Mecosta Township Fire Department.....	231-823-9604
Big Rapids Fire Department.....	231-527-0005
Emergency Medical Services/Ambulance.....	231-796-2626
Osceola County Sheriff’s Department	231-832-2288
Osceola County Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	231-832-6152
Reed City Fire Department.....	231-832-5334
Lincoln Township Fire Department.....	231-832-9022
Poison Control Center.....	800-222-1222

Hotlines

Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.....	988
National Domestic Violence Hotline.....	800-799-7233
LGBTQ+ National Hotline.....	1-888-843-4564
Listening Ear Crisis Center.....	989-386-2774
Veteran Crisis Line.....	Dial 988 then Press 1
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services National Helpline.....	1-800-662-4357
Wise: Women’s Crisis Line.....	231-796-6600
HELP Line (Health Eligibility Law Project).....	810-238-8053

Transportation

Mecosta Osceola Transit Authority.....	231-796-4896 and press 1 to talk with Dispatch
Non-Emergency Medical Transport.....	211

Department of Health and Human Services

Mecosta County MDHHS.....	231-796-4300
Osceola County MDHHS.....	231-796-4300
MI Bridges.....	1-844-799-9876

Legal Aid

Big Rapids Area Legal Service	231-796-1630
Counsel and Advocacy Call Line.....	1-888-783-8190
Legal Aid of Western Michigan.....	616-774-0672

Pantry and Food Assistance

Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency.....	989-386-3805
Fresh Start Baby Pantry.....	231-796-5597
Project Starburst.....	231-796-5342
Chippewa Lake Community Church	231- 867-6051
Faith Community Church	231-796-8389
God’s Helping Hands	989-967-8581
Manna Pantry	231-408-2940
Third Avenue Methodist Church	231-796-4157
Twelve Baskets Food Pantry, Stanwood Free Methodist Church.....	231-823-2115
Mecosta-Osceola United Way.....	231-592-4144

Employment Services

Michigan Works! West Central (Mecosta County)	231-796-0049
Michigan Works! West Central (Osceola County).....	231-832-3131

Senior Services

Commission on Aging (Mecosta County).....	231-972-2884
Commission on Aging (Osceola County).....	231-734-5559

Mental Health and Substance Use Services

Community Mental Health (Mecosta County).....231-796-5825

Community Mental Health (Osceola County).....231-832-2247

HOUSING SEARCH TRACKER

Name of Apartment Complex:	
Questions about the Apartment	
Contact phone number	
Date and time called	
<i>If answered:</i> Who did you speak with? <i>If no answer:</i> Did you leave a message?	
What is the address of the property?	
What date is the unit available?	
Is the application online or on paper?	
Do you charge an application fee?	Yes No
<i>If yes:</i> How much?	\$ _____
What is the monthly rent?	\$ _____
How much is the security deposit?	\$ _____
What utilities are included? What utilities am I responsible for?	
Do you have an estimate how much utilities cost each month?	\$ _____
What else will I have to pay? (garage, laundry, key deposit, internet)	
What is the minimum lease you require (how many months)?	
Are there laundry facilities on-site or in the unit?	Yes No

Screening Questions <i>(Ask only the questions that apply to your situation)</i>	
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<p><i>If applicable:</i> What are your rules about pets?</p> <p>Is there a pet fee?</p> <p><i>If yes:</i> How much?</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p>Yes No</p> <p>\$ _____</p>
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Follow Up	
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<p>Did you fill out an application?</p> <p><i>If yes:</i> When will the landlord be in contacting you with a decision?</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p>When: _____</p>
<p>Where you approved for the apartment?</p> <p><i>If yes:</i> When is the move-in date?</p> <p><i>If no:</i> What is the reason?</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p>When: _____</p>
<p>Additional notes:</p>	

HOUSING SEARCH TRACKER

Name of Apartment Complex:	
Questions about the Apartment	
Contact phone number	
Date and time called	
<i>If answered: Who did you speak with?</i> <i>If no answer: Did you leave a message?</i>	
What is the address of the property?	
What date is the unit available?	
Is the application online or on paper?	
Do you charge an application fee?	Yes No
<i>If yes: How much?</i>	\$ _____
What is the monthly rent?	\$ _____
How much is the security deposit?	\$ _____
What utilities are included? What utilities am I responsible for?	
Do you have an estimate how much utilities cost each month?	\$ _____
What else will I have to pay? (garage, laundry, key deposit, internet)	
What is the minimum lease you require (how many months)?	
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