

## **Chaffee County Community Resources**

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### **Alcohol & Drug Treatment Referral**

800-996-3784  
nation wide

### **Aging Issues**

Area Agency on Aging  
539-3341  
Go to website for all information  
[www.upperarkansasareaagencyonaging.org](http://www.upperarkansasareaagencyonaging.org).

Alzheimer's Helpline  
800-864-4404

Family Caregiver Alliance  
800-445-8106  
Resource Center for caregivers

National Family Caregivers Association  
800-896-3650  
Resource information for caregivers

Meals on Wheels  
539-3351  
kitchen 539-3341  
Delivers meals for the elderly home-bound

Social Security information  
800-772-1213  
719-275-7848 Canon City

Department of Social Services  
old age pension, Medicare savings plan,  
Medicaid, food stamps, public health nurse,  
needy & disabled, Colorado SSI,  
Medicaid long-term care nurse, Medicaid  
long-term care home & community,  
Medicare part D,  
395-0344 Buena Vista  
539-6627 Salida

### **Animal Shelter**

Ark Valley Humane Society  
395-2737  
animal adoption & animal management

### **Childcare**

Social Services (see social services)  
395-0344

### **Boys & Girls Club**

Avery-Parsons Elementary School  
395-5715  
After school and summer youth program,  
Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> grade

### **Clothing**

Caring & Sharing  
4<sup>th</sup> & G Streets  
Hours: Tues-Fri 9am - 1pm, Sat 1 - 4 pm  
539-3686  
clothing, appliances, Emergency food

New Bees Thrift Store  
624 E. Main Street, Buena Vista 395-6295  
clothing, some household goods  
hours: Tues - Fri 10am - 4pm

### **Education**

Avery-Parsons Early  
Avery-Parsons Elementary School 395-7020  
McGinnis Middle School 395-7060  
Chaffee High/Alternative School 395-4064  
Buena Vista High School 395-7100

Darren Patterson Christian Academy 395-6046  
preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade

Colorado Mountain College 395-8419  
General educational training- 2 year degree program

Child Find  
Services for children with developmental  
delays/disabilities  
Ages 3-21

### **Employment**

Colorado Work Force  
539-6523

Colorado Unemployment Benefits  
800-388-5515

### **Energy Assistance – Low Income**

LEAP program  
Social Services  
395-0344

Arkansas Valley Christian Mission  
395-9321  
food pantry, counseling, lunches, resource center to  
other agencies, spiritual nurture, wood

### **Medical Equipment**

American Legion Durable Medical Equipment-  
Loan Program  
395-8062 (Ed Lambert)  
Wheelchairs, hospital beds, crutches, canes, Walkers

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## **Food**

Social Services - Food Stamps  
395-0344

Arkansas Valley Christian Mission 395-9321  
122 Cottonwood Ave, Buena Vista  
Hours: 11 AM - 2 PM Tues, Wed & Friday  
food pantry, counseling, lunches, resource  
center to other agencies, spiritual nurture

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539-3341 for kitchen  
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Commodities Distribution/ Emergency Food Program  
539-3341

Non-Perishable food distributed April & October, for  
more information contact Area Agency on Aging.

WIC 395-0344x203

Food and baby formula assistance, health & growth  
checkups

1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church  
7 Poncha Blvd, Salida 539-6422  
Food Pantry open Thursday from 1:30 to 4:30 pm

Angel Food Ministries 539-6422  
This ministry is a great way for anyone to get reduced-  
price staples or prepared meals once a month. They also  
accept food stamps. Generally you get food at about half  
the price of the grocery store, so it might be worth  
coming down from BV to participate.

Grainery Ministries  
1348 E street, Salida  
Food Pantry open Friday 10 am -6 pm  
Free Meal on Sundays at 4 PM

Neighbor to Neighbor 530-0223  
Respite, meals, house-chores, & general assistance

Salida Christian Vineyard Church  
1147 E. Hwy 50, Salida 539-3359  
Food bank at Lighthouse annex on Mon & Tues 10a-  
12p  
Allowed to pick up food four times per year.

## **Emergency Assistance Funds**

Community Service Block Grant  
Call 530-2501 Thresa Saucke

## **Housing**

Chaffee County Habitat for Humanity  
395-0482  
Applications for families, based on income &  
willingness  
to participate

Sunrise Manor 301 Alsina, Buena Vista  
395-2862  
Housing for low income, handicapped or  
seniors 62 or older, Section 8

UAACOG 539-6862  
Home buyer counsel, Section 8 housing,  
Mutual Self-Help Housing Program,  
Home improvement loan Program

## **Legal support**

Legal Aid  
395-0506 Buena Vista  
539-4251 Salida

State Ombudsman  
Area Agency on Aging  
539-3341

Colorado Legal Services, Inc  
539-4251  
Provides free legal services to low income individuals  
and seniors in civil cases

## **Medical Help**

People's Clinic  
395-3238 in BV; 539-4144 in Salida  
medical clinic for the uninsured

Buena Vista Center for Low Vision  
395-2854

Chaffee County Mammography Fund  
539-4060

Medicare Claims  
800-332-6681

Medicare Home Health Information  
800-633-4227

### **Medical Help - cont'd**

Department of Social Services  
Medicaid, public health nurse,  
blind, needy & disabled, Colorado SSI,  
CHP insurance for kids, Medicaid long-term care nurse,  
Medicaid, long-term care home &  
community, Medicare part D, Medicare  
savings plan  
395-0344 Buena Vista  
539-6627 Salida

Chaffee County Veterans Services  
539-3803 for all Veterans services

Lifeline Medical Alert System  
888-669-2273

Help Care Personal Emergency Response System  
719-269-9777 or 888-597-7222

### **Mental Health Services**

West Central Mental Health  
539-6502  
Comprehensive mental health services

Alliance Against Domestic Abuse  
539-7347  
support & counseling available

### **Mentoring**

Chaffee County Mentors  
395-0344, ext. 204  
like Big Brothers, Big Sisters program  
for kids, parent education

### **Personal Security Alert Systems**

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Help Care Personal Emergency Response System 719-269-9777  
888-597-7222

### **Pregnancy**

Buena Vista Pregnancy Center  
395-6703  
for prenatal counseling, care of child,  
supplies, education, etc.

Planned Parenthood  
539-7291  
Services for men and women  
birth control methods, emergency contraception,  
pregnancy testing, testing and treatment of STI, HIV

### **Pregnancy cont'd**

La Leche League of Salida  
offers support and information to breastfeeding mothers.  
The group meets each month on the second  
Monday) from 10 to 11:30 am. in the community  
room at the Salida Café. Meetings are free.  
Mothers and their children and mothers-to-be are  
welcome.

For breastfeeding information and support, women may  
call Kym at 539-3770, Lorraine at 539-3087, Megan at  
539-9242 or Wendy at 539-4394."

### **Suicide Prevention**

West Central Mental Health  
539-6502  
Hot line; 24hours a day

### **Special Needs**

Starpoint 203 E St. Salida  
539-2577  
Services & support for individuals 18 years & older  
with developmental disabilities, call for more  
information

### **Transportation**

Chaffee County Shuttle Rides  
Neighbor to Neighbor 395-6231  
Medicaid patients to doctor – free  
Rides within BV - \$5  
Rides to Salida & back - \$10  
Transportation to Denver - call for details

### **Veterans Services**

Chaffee County Veterans Services  
539-3803 for veterans issues  
1-617-210-5480 national veterans services

### **Vocational Rehabilitation**

SWAP (School to Work Alliance Program)  
207-1063 613 E. Main St. Buena Vista  
Employment support for those ages 16-25  
to become employed

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