

# ***The Mini Guide***

## ***College and Community Resources for***

### ***Multicultural Students***

***This mini resource guide was designed for MCC's multicultural students who are interested in resources and services. As a new student to the college environment you often have questions about the resources that are available or where those resources can be found? Below you will find information that includes both college and community resources that could help guide you!***

***I invite you to browse and use this booklet, if it will serve your needs. You can also make suggestions to be added to future additions.***

#### **COLLEGE RESOURCES**

**BILINGUAL COUNSELOR**: A bilingual counselor is available to help students with decisions on a wide range of career, personal concerns, and academic success issues.

[www.mchenry.edu/counseling](http://www.mchenry.edu/counseling)

**ESL/GED CLASSES**: FREE English as a Second Language (ESL) and General Education Development (GED) courses are offered through the department of Adult Education. ESL classes specialize in serving adults who cannot read and/or speak English at a functional level. GED prep courses are offered to prepare students for the GED exam. The prep course will cover English including grammar and fundamentals of written English; reading techniques for comprehension, evaluation and application interpretations; and mathematics including problem solving, basic math review, geometry and algebra.

[www.mchenry.edu/esl](http://www.mchenry.edu/esl)

[www.mchenry.edu/ged](http://www.mchenry.edu/ged)

**MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMS**: Multicultural Programs provides resources and opportunities to help minority and underrepresented students feel comfortable on campus. Our program helps participants gain access to student support services and learn about themselves, other cultures and the community. We encourage our students to participate in college-wide programs, build a support network with staff, participate in social and cultural activities, and strive for academic success.

[www.mchenry.edu/multicultural](http://www.mchenry.edu/multicultural)

**MULTICULTURAL RECUITER**: If you have not enrolled, but have questions about MCC degrees or certificates, full time vs. part time status, class options, or the possibility of transferring, please contact or make an appointment by calling (815) 479-7871 or emailing [erodriguez@mchenry.edu](mailto:erodriguez@mchenry.edu)

## **STUDENT SUPPORT:**

### **AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENT SUPPORT**

#### **Student Organizations**

- **Diverse Student Union** - Creates opportunities for educational and social empowerment. The Black Student Union represents students working together to create positive changes.

#### **Community Support**

- **Trinity Baptist Community Church**  
5918 S Il Route 31  
Crystal Lake, IL 60014-4524  
(815) 444-0355  
[www.trinitybcc.org](http://www.trinitybcc.org)

### **LATINO STUDENT SUPPORT**

#### **Student Organizations**

- **Latinos Unidos** - Promotes Latino cultural awareness, provides ongoing support, and assistance. In addition, Latinos Unidos provides cultural, educational, social, and community awareness.
- **Club Concordia** - Experience the different sights, sounds and cultures of various Latin American countries. Beginning, fluent and native Spanish speakers welcome.

#### **Community Support**

- **Church of Holy Apostales**  
5211 W. Bull Valley Rd.  
McHenry, IL 60050  
(815) 385-5673
- **St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
206 East Front St.  
Harvard, IL 60033  
Spanish - Father Hector Moreno  
(815) 943-6406  
saintjos@mcnet
- **St Peter and Paul Parish**  
410 N. First St.  
Cary, IL 60013  
(847) 516-2636 x299

- **St. Thomas**  
469 Lake Street  
Crystal Lake, IL 60014  
(847) 937-1484

## LGBTQA STUDENT SUPPORT

### **Student Organizations**

- **Equality Club** - Provides a safe and supportive environment for students and members of the surrounding community. They also strive to promote Equality for members of the LGBTQA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning and Allies) community through social activism activities and education to benefit both our campus and our surrounding community.

### **Community Support**

- **PrideCall**  
A help line/talk line for the LGBTQA community in McHenry County  
[www.pridecall.org](http://www.pridecall.org)
- **McHenry County PFLAG**  
Meetings are held from 7-9pm  
Congregational Unitarian Church  
221 Dean St.  
Woodstock, IL 60098  
\*PFLAG provides an opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity to create a society that respects human diversity.
- **Unitarian Universalist Congregation**  
221 Dean St.  
Woodstock, IL 60098  
(815) 338-0731  
[office@uucofwoodstock.org](mailto:office@uucofwoodstock.org)

**\*Note: For a list of all 30+ student organizations on campus visit**  
[www.mchenry.edu/studentlife](http://www.mchenry.edu/studentlife)

### USEFUL TOOLS:

**GPA Calculator:** You can total your current semester courses and credits with the online GPA Calculator. Visit the following link  
[www.back2college.com/gpa.htm](http://www.back2college.com/gpa.htm)

## COMMUNITY RESOURCE INFORMATION

### ASSISTANCE FOR MINORITIES

Illinois Migrant Council  
62 N Ayer St, Harvard  
(815) 943-6851  
[info@illinois.org](mailto:info@illinois.org)  
[tizoc85@yahoo.com](mailto:tizoc85@yahoo.com)

\*The Illinois Migrant Council provides education, training, job placement opportunities and support services to migrant and seasonal farm workers and their families and other minorities. \*Scholarships are available every year.

### CHILD CARE

#### **4-C: Community Coordinated Child Care**

667 Ridgeview Drive  
McHenry IL 60050  
815-344-5510  
[www.four-c.org](http://www.four-c.org)

\*Learn about eligibility requirements and how to apply for child care financial assistance; referrals to child care providers

### EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

#### **The Salvation Army of McHenry County Sites and Information**





##### **Main Office**

290 West Crystal Lake Avenue  
Crystal Lake IL 60014  
815-455-2769  
[www.salarmycl.org](http://www.salarmycl.org)

\*Provide financial assistance and other services

*The Salvation Army has additional offices in Huntley, Harvard, Island Lake, Johnsburg, Woodstock, and Marengo.*

**\*Emergency Financial Assistance is also available at the following McHenry County Churches.**

-  **Crystal Lake:** Bethany Lutheran Church, St. Thomas Outreach, and Good Samaritan Ministry
-  **Woodstock:** Congregation Unitarian Church, Resurrection Catholic Church, and St. Vincent De Paul Society, St Mary's Church
-  **Marengo:** Marengo Area Outreach Enterprise
-  **McHenry:** First United Methodist Church and St Vincent De Paul Society, Church of Holy Apostles

## **FINANCIAL COUNSELING SERVICES**

### **Consumer Credit Counseling Service of McHenry County, Inc**

400 Russel Ct.  
Woodstock, IL 60098  
815-338-5757

[www.illinoiscccs.org](http://www.illinoiscccs.org)

For Bilingual Services ask to speak with Polo.

\*Will assist with credit and budget counseling, debt management, credit report analysis, and mortgage counseling. Minimal fees will apply and fees will depend on the service requested.

## **HEALTH RELATED RESOURCES**

### **Family Health Partnership Clinic**

13707 W. Jackson  
Woodstock IL 60098  
815-334 8987

[www.hpclinic@mc.net](mailto:www.hpclinic@mc.net)

\*FHPC provides healthcare to people in the area who are without health insurance

### **McHenry County Health Department**

MCDH Main Office

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2200 N. Seminary Ave.

Woodstock, IL 60098

\*Please check out our site for clinic information, schedules and contact information, or call us at 815-334-4510 (after hours call 815-344-7421).

[www.co.mchenry.il.us/departments/health](http://www.co.mchenry.il.us/departments/health)

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### **McHenry County Cooperative Dental Clinic**

237 Main St  
Woodstock IL 60098  
815-337-5616

\*Low Cost Dental Services and Referrals

## **LEGAL SERVICES**

### **McHenry County State's Attorney's Office**

2200 N. Seminary Avenue, C-150  
Woodstock, IL 60098  
815-334-4159

[www.co.mchenry.il.us/departments/statesattorneyoffice](http://www.co.mchenry.il.us/departments/statesattorneyoffice)

\*Charged with the legal representation of the county of McHenry, as well as representing the People of the State of Illinois through Criminal Prosecutors.

**Prairie Legal Services**  
**400 Russel Court**  
**Woodstock, IL 60098**  
**815-206-5828**

\*Provides free legal advice and legal representation in a variety of civil legal matters.

## **PREGNANCY SUPPORT**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Way Life Center Pregnancy Support Services**

Johnsburg Office  
2020A W. Johnsborg Rd., Ste. 101  
Johnsburg, IL 60051  
(815) 385-2999

Harvard Office  
207 E. Brainard St.  
Harvard, IL 60033  
(815) 943-1500

[www.mchenry1stway.org](http://www.mchenry1stway.org)

\*Bilingual Staff Available. All Services are FREE. Will provide free pregnancy testing, confidential counseling, medical care referrals, financial aid references, resource referrals, education guidance, and infant and maternity clothing

### **Tri-Country Pregnancy and Parenting Services**

610-1 Crystal Point Dr  
Crystal Lake, IL 60014  
815-455-0965

[www.informedchoices.org](http://www.informedchoices.org)

\*Bilingual Staff Available: Spanish and Polish. All services are free and confidential

\*Can offer free pregnancy tests, material support, community referrals and abortion recovery support.

## **ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

### **Food Pantries**

\*Food Pantries are spread throughout McHenry County. For a list of pantries, please visit the following link: <http://www.peopleinneedforum.org/2010%20Resource%20Directory.pdf>

### **Additional Food Services:**

Ministries that offer low cost, quality food at a minimal fee

**Algonquin:** St. John's Lutheran Church and School  
847-658-9300

**Crystal Lake:** Real Life Church of the Nazarene  
815-459-7578 ext. 3

**McHenry:** Light House Church  
815-289-2784 or 815-355-1787

**Union:** St. John's Lutheran Church  
815-923-2733 ext. 12

**Elgin:** Church in the Word  
847-741-3040

**Elgin:** Community of Christ  
847-741-1366

**Hair Care:**

**The Cosmetology and Spa Institute**

700 Terra Cotta Avenue

Crystal Lake, IL 60014

\*Affordable hair, color, and spa services.

[www.csicl.com](http://www.csicl.com)

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

**Pace**

[www.pacebus.com](http://www.pacebus.com)

**847-364-7223**

**Metra**

[www.metrarail.com](http://www.metrarail.com)

There are many services throughout McHenry County that are not listed above. If you are looking for a service that is not listed, please visit the following link.

<http://www.peopleinneedforum.org/2010%20Resource%20Directory.pdf>

If you are still having problems or do not know who to contact, feel free to email Sonia Reising, Coordinator of Multicultural Programs at [sreising@mchenry.edu](mailto:sreising@mchenry.edu) or by calling (815)479-7749.

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