



Ayer Shirley Regional School District

McKinney-Vento Resource Guide

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24/7 Information and referrals to housing, food, childcare, and utility assistance

<p>Food/Meals</p>	<p>Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Inc. 234 Barnum Road, Devens, MA 01434 www.loavesfishespantry.org – 978-772-4627 Loaves & Fishes provides food to individuals in need who reside in Ayer, Devens, Groton, Harvard, Littleton, and Shirley. Visit their website for details.</p> <p>Food Pantry at Apple Valley Baptist Church 12 Columbia Street, Ayer, MA 01432 Open Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm.</p> <p>SNAP Benefits (food stamps) www.mass.gov/snap-benefits-food-stamps – DTA Assistance Line: 877-382-2363</p> <p>Project Bread and FoodSource Hotline www.projectbread.org/get-help – Hotline: 1-800-645-8333 – 1-800-377-1292 Project Bread works to fully enroll individuals in state and federal nutrition programs as well as refer callers to local food resources. Their toll-free FoodSource hotline can connect you to food resources in your community.</p> <p>North Central WIC www.mocinc.org/north-central-wic – 978-345-6272 (Main site) “WIC provides supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income mothers, infants, and children up to age five.”</p>
<p>Housing</p>	<p>Housing Assistance for Massachusetts Residents Mass.gov The state’s website provides an overview of the housing programs available to homeowners and renters.</p>

	<p>Housing Help Hub https://applyhousinghelp.mass.gov/ Emergency housing portal for RAFT, EA Family Shelter, and HomeBase</p> <p>Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance www.cmhaonline.org - 508-752-5519 CMHA’s Mission: “Recognizing the dignity of all, CMHA leads a collaborative response to homelessness that fosters long-term housing stability through prevention, quality services, education, and advocacy.”</p> <p>RCAP (Resources for Communities and People) www.rcapsolutions.org - 800-488-1969 Helping eligible individuals and families in Massachusetts by providing affordable housing, homelessness prevention, workforce development, family unification, and self-sufficiency services.</p> <p>St. Vincent de Paul Ayer residents - St. Anne, Littleton: 978-320-4215 svdp.stannelittleton@gmail.com Shirley residents - St. Catherine of Alexandria, Westford: 978-320-4214 st.catherine.westford.svdp@gmail.com</p> <p>Inspired by the Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to the needy and suffering in our community. To request help in a time of need, please call us directly at the numbers above or send an email. Leave a message, and you will be contacted by a member of the Saint Vincent de Paul organization.</p>
Social Services	<p>MOC - Making Opportunity Count https://www.mocinc.org/services - 978-345-7040</p> <p>Offers help with the WIC program, Head Start, elderly services, emergency food, and shelter</p> <p>Department of Transitional Assistance Office - DTA https://massachusetts.networkofcare.org/ - 978-665-8700</p> <p>The Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) administers the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and direct economic assistance (cash benefits) programs. Those served by the Department include children, elders, and people with disabilities.</p>
Clothing	<p>Living Water Fellowship 41 Littleton Road, Ayer, MA 01432 www.livingwaterfellowship.church/p/clothing-pantry.html - 978-772-6055</p>

	<p>Open every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon. From their website: “Living Water Fellowship has a clothing and emergency food pantry for local residents who need help. There are no income requirements. If you or someone you know needs clothing, including infants and children, or needs some food staples to tide them over, please come and see us.”</p>
<p>Mental Health Support</p>	<p>Advocates 1-800-640-5432 (24-hour Crisis Support Line) www.advocates.org Advocates serve people who face developmental, mental health, or other life challenges. Call the Crisis Support Line if you or a loved one is experiencing a mental health or addiction crisis.</p> <p>SAMHSA’s National Helpline 1-800-662-HELP (4357) www.samhsa.gov/find-help/national-helpline SAMHSA is the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration. This 24-hour, free, and confidential hotline provides treatment referrals and information about mental and/or substance use disorders, prevention, and recovery in English and Spanish.</p>
<p>Medical Services</p>	<p>Massachusetts Health Connector (Health Insurance) 1-877-MA-Enroll (1-877-623-6765) www.mahealthconnector.org</p> <p>Massachusetts Health and Social Services www.mass.gov/topics/health-social-services</p> <p>MassHealth www.mass.gov/topics/masshealth</p> <p>Medicare.gov: The Official U.S. Government Site for Medicare www.medicare.gov</p> <p>Choosing Wisely: Medical Resources www.choosingwisely.org</p> <p>North Central WIC www.mocinc.org/north-central-wic – 978-345-6272 (Main site) “WIC provides supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income mothers, infants, and children up to age five.”</p>