

# **CHRISTIAN COUNTY**

## **Countywide Resources**

### **Disability Services**

#### **Southwest Center for Independent Living**

Main Branch  
2864 S. Nettleton  
Springfield, MO 65807

*Toll Free Phone:* (800) 676-7245

*Phone:* (417) 886-1188

The Southwest Center for Independent Living is a disability Resource Center for anyone with a physical or mental disability. Serves 8 counties in Southwest Missouri. Provides information referral, advocacy, peer support, independent living skills, home and community based services, youth programs, social groups.

### **General Resources**

#### **Christian County Family Support Division-Ozark**

Jason Comer, County Manager  
4715 N Towne Centre Drive  
Ozark, MO 65721 *Website:* <http://dss.mo.gov/fsd/office/christian.htm>

*FSD Info. Line:* (855) 373-4636

*Automated Line:* 1-800-392-1261

The Family Support Division aids in providing public assistance, including: food stamps, temporary assistance, childcare, Missouri Health Net, and supplemental nursing care. Please visit the website or call one of the phone numbers listed above.

### **Health Department**

#### **Christian County Health Department**

301 E Brick Street  
Ozark, MO 65721

*Phone:* (417) 581-7285

The Christian County Health Department offers services that include immunizations, screenings, women's health services, health education, and others.

### **Home Repair and Maintenance Assistance**

#### **Weatherization Program**

Christian County Neighborhood Center  
*E-mail:* [christian@oacac-caa.org](mailto:christian@oacac-caa.org)  
P.O. Box 416/ 204 East Elm  
Ozark, MO 65721

*Phone:* (417) 581-7631

The Weatherization Program is sponsored by the Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation (OACAC) and is a free service for homeowners or renters who qualify. Weatherization crews insulate and repair homes to make

them more energy efficient. Weatherizing can make a home warmer during the winter and help save heating dollars. Applicants must meet income guidelines to qualify.

## **Household Resources**

### **Missouri Food Stamp Program/ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**

*Phone:* (417) 895-6000

*Website:* <http://dss.mo.bargov/fsd/fstamp/>

SNAP is designed to promote the general welfare and safeguard the health and well being of the nation's population by raising the levels of nutrition among low-income households. The program is called the Food Stamp Program in Missouri. To see if you might qualify for Food Stamps, a pre-screening tool for the Food Stamp Program is available at the website above.

### **Ozarks Food Harvest (OFH)**

*Phone:* (417) 865-3411

*Website:* <https://ozarksfoodharvest.org/find-us/>

At the website above you can find current location and contact information for food pantries that work with the Ozarks Food Harvest within your County.

The Ozarks Food Harvest is the Feeding America food bank for southwest Missouri, serving more than 200 hunger-relief organizations across 28 Ozarks counties. The OFH also has direct-service programs such as Senior Food Boxes and Mobile Food Pantries.

## **Medical Centers**

### **Cox Health Center in Nixa**

*Phone:* (417) 269-2227

411 N. McCroskey,  
Nixa, MO 65714

*Website:* <http://www.coxhealth.com>

### **Family Medical Walk-In Clinic**

*Phone:* (417) 724-0293

103 Old Wilderness Road  
Nixa, MO 65714

*Website:* <http://www.fmwic.com/index.html>

The Family Medical Walk-In Clinic provides services such as urgent care, immunizations and testing services.

### **Mercy Clinic in Nixa**

*Phone:* (417) 724-5437

940 W. Mount Vernon  
Nixa, MO 65714

*Website:* <http://www.mercy.net/mercy-clinic-nixa-services>

Mercy Clinic in Nixa provides family medicine, pediatrics, and OB/GYN services.

### **Ozarks Community Hospital-Nixa Clinic**

*Phone:* (417) 725-8250

105 S. Ridgecrest Ave.  
Nixa, Missouri 65714

*Website:* <http://ochonline.com/locations/christian-county-clinic/>

The Ozarks Community Hospital, Nixa Clinic is a Springfield provider based clinic that offers family practice services, therapy services, women's health services, and some specialty services. They also have a walk-in clinic and offer laboratory services.

## **Transportation**

### **OATS Transportation**

Website: <http://www.oatstransit.org>

*Sparta, Chadwick: (417) 278-3064*

*Nixa, Ozark, Spokane, Highlandville: (417) 714-4363*

OATS transportation is available to anyone regardless of age, income, disability, race, gender, religion, or national origin. There are scheduled routes available to Springfield, Nixa, Ozark, and locations within Christian County. Call one of the numbers above or visit the website provided for more information about pickup areas, schedules, and other information.

### **Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT)**

Website: <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/medtrans.htm>

*Phone: 1-866-269-5927*

Most people who have MO HealthNet or MO HealthNet managed care can get a ride to their health care appointments from the NEMT program. The NEMT program can be used when you do not have a way to your health care appointment without charge. The NEMT program may use public transportation or bus tokens, vans, taxi, ambulance, or even an airplane if necessary to get you to your health care appointment. You may also be able to get help with gas costs if you have a car, or have a friend or a neighbor who can take you. The NEMT program must okay this before your appointment. Please call the number provided or visit the website for eligibility and scheduling information.

## **Utilities Support**

### **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**

Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation (OACAC)

215 S. Barnes Ave

Springfield, MO 65775

Website: <http://oacac-caa.org/oacac/content/energy-programs>

*Phone: (417) 864-3460*

The mission of LIHEAP is to assist low-income households who have an energy related crisis. There are two parts to this program:

#### **Energy Assistance (EA)**

The Winter Heating Energy Assistance Program (EA) provides a one-time payment for assistance with winter heating costs for low-income households (based on household size and income). The program runs from October through March. For more information about eligibility, visit the website above or call the number provided.

#### **Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP)**

The Winter Energy Crisis Intervention Program provides utility assistance and relief for eligible households to alleviate energy related crisis. The winter program runs from October through May. The Summer Energy Crisis Intervention Program provides assistance for electric payments only and runs from June through September. For more information about eligibility, visit the website or call the number provided.

### **Project Help**

Economic Security Corporation of Southwest Area (ESC)

PO Box 207

*Phone: (417) 781-0352*

Joplin, MO 64802-0207

*Website:* <http://www.esccswa.org/District/1122-Untitled.html>

Project Help is an Empire District Electric Company program, funded by Empire customer donations, which Economic Security Corporation of Southwest Area administers. It is designed to help Elderly and/or Disabled customers, that have incurred a documentable financial emergency, pay on their Empire Electric bill. A documentable financial emergency is an unforeseeable expense and/or loss of income that has resulted in the lack of funds to pay on their electric bill. Specific requirements and applications are available at the above website. More information and requests for an application to be sent by mail can be made at the phone number listed above.