

Brightpoint Support. Solutions. Success.

Since 1965, Brightpoint has been helping communities, families, and individuals remove the causes and conditions of poverty. As a local nonprofit organization, we offer resources, provide access to opportunities, and teach people skills for a brighter future. At Brightpoint, we are committed to overcoming the obstacles in the way of financial stability. We focus available resources and provide solutions to needs and support for dreams. We are with people every step of the way.

Who is eligible?

All Brightpoint services are provided without regard to race, age, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, ancestry, or status as a Veteran. Most of our programs are free or low-cost; however, each program has specific income or other eligibility requirements. Please check online or call us to find out if you qualify.

Where is Brightpoint located?

We have several offices across northeast Indiana – we even have an office on wheels. To find out where our mobile office will be next, access our services, and set up appointments for some of our programs, visit our website or call us.

mybrightpoint.org | (260) 423-3546 or (800) 589-3506

Appointment line: (800) 589-2264

(for child care, healthcare, and utility assistance)

TTY: (260) 203-3604

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Investing in Success Feels Good

Creating wellbeing and strong communities takes everyone – and YOU can help.



Donate

A donation to Brightpoint empowers communities, families, and individuals to find flexible and attainable solutions to meet their needs. Mail your contribution or donate online at mybrightpoint.org/give.



Advocate

You can join us in creating wellbeing for all by **advocating for legislative policies** that build a strong economic foundation for all Hoosiers. If you want to understand what life is like for families living with financial uncertainty, attend or host a **Poverty Simulation**.



Partner

Through Brightpoint's **Bounce Back** program, your place of worship can support congregation members with financial aid to weather life's storms. Your business can offer a consumer loan benefit to your employees through our **Community Loan Center**.



Scan the QR code and visit our website to explore all the ways you can invest in a **brighter future**.

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Your Resource Guide
For a Brighter Future.

Our Programs and Services

Brightpoint responds to community, family, and individual needs with flexible and attainable solutions. Our diverse range of human services, support, and resources helps overcome life's challenges, builds financial stability, and creates brighter futures for all.



CHILDREN & YOUTH

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Early Childhood programs are available in Allen, DeKalb, Noble, and Whitley Counties.

Early Head Start is for pregnant women and children up to age 3. The emphasis is on a healthy pregnancy, child development, financial stability, parenting skills, and a smooth transition into preschool.

Head Start is a comprehensive preschool program for 3- to 5-year-olds that provides education, health, nutrition, and other social services for children (including those with special needs) and their families.

YOUTH EVOLVEMENT

Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) is a resiliency-building workforce program that helps students in grades 9-12 learn in-demand employability skills and provides a bridge to post-secondary education and career advancement opportunities.

Focus Forward assists young adults ages 16-24 as they overcome educational and occupational barriers through intensive one-on-one support and development of a personalized employment plan.



INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

Child Care Assistance helps families afford quality child care for children younger than 13 so parents can work, go to school, or receive job training. On My Way Pre-K grants are given to low-income families with 4-year-olds so they have access to a high-quality pre-K program the year before they begin kindergarten.

Family Development is a holistic, in-home visitation program that helps families move from economic uncertainty to stability by using their strengths to set and accomplish goals.

Financial Foundations teaches about saving and budgeting, the banking system, credit, and strategies to improve financial health. Additional housing counseling and home-buyer education is available, too.



Health Coverage

Assistance provides free help from certified Indiana Navigators to understand and enroll in state and federal health insurance programs including Hoosier Healthwise, the Healthy Indiana Plan, and the Health Insurance Marketplace. Brightpoint is part of the statewide Covering Kids & Families network.

Our official service area is Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Elkhart, Grant, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, St. Joseph, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley counties; However, not all programs and services are available in all these counties and some are available in additional counties. Visit mybrightpoint.org to see if a program is available where you are or call Brightpoint for more information.

HOUSING & UTILITIES

Housing Support & Solutions assists individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless with comprehensive, holistic case management, as well as financial assistance to stabilize housing. **Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)** specifically assists Veterans. Other programs provide rental subsidy payments with some rental assistance specifically designated for individuals who suffer from severe mental illness, substance abuse, and/or HIV.

Utility Assistance helps pay a portion of a household's utility bills in the winter months.

Weatherization offers a home energy audit, air sealing, and insulation installation for residential dwellings to save on energy consumption.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Consumer Loans are available to employees whose employers have signed up for the Community Loan Center of Northeast Indiana program, offering affordable, small-dollar loans as an alternative to payday lenders.

Housing Development creates affordable options by building and maintaining single- and multi-family housing communities.



Small Business Loans help entrepreneurs and established businesses with a range of development services and access to financing through the **Brightpoint Development Fund**, a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) microlender and U.S. Dept. of the Treasury Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI).