ISSUES, NEEDS AND SERVICES IN ELKHART COUNTY

County Extension Educators were asked to provide a local perspective on the needs of and services for the poor in their counties. This is a summary of their responses.

SPECIAL ISSUES OR CHALLENGES BEING FACED BY POOR FAMILIES

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CITY OR TOWN one goes to in ELKHART COUNTY to obtain the following services:

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES —Elkhart County Welfare Department, 347 West Lusher, Elkhart
MEDICAID —Division of Family and Children, 347 Lusher, Elkhart
CHILD CARE VOUCHERS —Step Ahead, 2600 Oakland Ave., Elkhart
SUBSIDIZED HOUSING —La Casa of Goshen, Inc., 202 N. Cottage Avenue, Goshen
Elkhart Housing Authority, 1396 Benham Ave., Elkhart
UNEMPLOYMENT —Employment Services, 430 Waterfall Dr., Elkhart
HUD HOUSING SERVICES —Elkhart Housing Authority, 1396 Benham Ave., Elkhart

THE COUNTY SEAT IS GOSHEN.

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF LIFE FOR POOR FAMILIES IN ELKHART COUNTY OF WHICH POLICYMAKERS SHOULD BE MADE AWARE: