

Community Resource Guide – Alliance, OH Area (Staff Reference)

This staff reference sheet summarizes key community resources available in and around Alliance, Ohio (Stark County). Use to guide patient referrals for social services, housing, food, and behavioral health support.

1. Stark Help Central

- Centralized directory of community services (food, housing, mental health, legal aid)
- Website: <https://www.starkhelpcentral.com/>
- Notes: Best first step for finding specific community supports.

2. Stark County Community Action Agency (SCCAA)

- Services: Rent/mortgage assistance, utility help (HEAP), auto repair vouchers, workforce supports
- Website: <https://www.sccaa.org/>
- Notes: Core anti-poverty provider in Stark County.

3. Stark County Job & Family Services

- Services: SNAP, Medicaid, childcare, TANF, legal assistance
- Website: https://www.starkjfs.org/government/offices/jobs_family_services/
- Notes: Primary entry for government aid programs.

4. Alliance for Children & Families

- Services: Housing assistance, family violence prevention, stabilization, advocacy
- Website: <https://www.allianceforchildrenandfamilies.org/>
- Notes: Strong referral for vulnerable families.

5. Alliance Commons Community Hub

- Services: Co-located supports (StarkFresh food, career services, youth programs)
- Notes: Single-site access point for multiple community supports.

6. Community Action Pathways HUB

- Services: Pregnancy/parenting case management (food, transportation, baby supplies, health navigation)
- Website: <https://www.sccaa.org/>
- Notes: Free program, focused on maternal/child health.

7. Stark County Homeless Navigation Hotline

- Services: Shelter placement and housing case management
- Website: <https://starkcountyhomeless.org/>
- Notes: Central access point for those literally homeless.

8. Salvation Army – Alliance

- Services: Emergency food, clothing, rent/utility aid, shelter referrals
- Notes: Walk-in or call ahead for availability; funding limited.

9. Stark County Hunger Task Force & Food Pantries

- Services: Food pantries, mobile distributions, hunger relief
- Websites: <http://starkhunger.org/>
- Notes: Network of food assistance locations.

10. Additional Supports

- NAMI Stark County – peer support, education, mental health advocacy
- Akron-Summit County Public Library – internet, educational programs, community events
- United Way 211 – general resource line for referrals

Referral Guidance

- Use SCCAA, Salvation Army, or Hunger Task Force for urgent food/utility needs.
- Refer to Homeless Navigation Hotline for those literally homeless.
- Use Alliance for Children & Families for family stabilization and advocacy.
- Pathways HUB is ideal for pregnancy/parenting case management.
- Direct patients to Stark Help Central or 211 for broad resource navigation.
- Confirm eligibility and availability before formal referral.