Network Updates
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Branch County Community Network
Services We Provide:

In cooperation with other community agencies, Jacob's Well Ministries will strive to provide limited short-term assistance to families or individuals requesting assistance.

Such assistance may be: energy/utilities, rent, prescriptions/medical, transportation or food. Referrals may also be made to other local organizations providing for specific needs such as: health clinic, food pantry, etc.

Funding for the ministry will be from donations received from: churches, community organizations, local businesses, community grant funding and individuals.

How to Obtain Services:

Representatives from local churches or agencies being approached for assistance by an individual/family are to contact Jacob's Well Ministries, who will in turn contact the individual/family (please do not give out Jacob's Well Ministries contact information to any individual/family seeking assistance).

Once contact has been made with the Executive Director, by a local church or agency, a short intake form is completed and signed by the requestor. An assessment of the need and verification will be done prior to providing the requested assistance to ensure the need hasn't already been satisfied by another agency. Vendors will also be contacted prior to payment to verify the amount needed/requested is valid. If the individual or family in need has applied for government assistance for their emergency need and were denied service, verification of the denial would be required.

Once services have been provided, a follow up email will be sent to the local church or agency that referred the individual/family to Jacob's Well Ministries. This communication will assist the local churches in making sure the needs of the 'whole' person are being met.

How We Are Doing:

Jacob's Well Ministries served 71 individual/families in 2018 to help meet the needs in Branch County.

Breakdown of Services Provided:

- Energy - 49
- Housing - 11
- Medical - 2
- Transportation - 9

Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
If calling after hours please leave a voicemail message

Jacob's Well Ministries
200 N. Fremont St.
Coldwater, MI 49036

517-278-6822
ejacbswell2012@gmail.com
Who We Are:

Our mission is to assist in providing for the spiritual and physical needs of the people in Branch County that have emergency need.

This ministry will provide limited short-term assistance to families/individuals requesting assistance.

We will provide follow-up communication with referring churches and/or organizations so they can follow up with the individuals/families to provide ministry to meet their "whole" need.

We Gratefully Acknowledge Funding Provided in 2018 By the Following:

- Coldwater Free Methodist Church
- First Baptist Church of Coldwater
- Branch County Community Foundation
- Branch County United Way
- First Presbyterian Church
- Lockwood Community Church
- Coldwater Swap Meet and Car Show
- Quincy United Methodist Church
- Kristen Niedzwiecki
- American Baptist Women - Coldwater
- Coldwater Kiwanis Club
- Oasis of Love Family Church
- First Church of Christ - Coldwater
- Private/Anonymous Donors

Thank You

Jacob's Well Ministries

Providing "fresh" and "living" water to transform the lives of those in need in Branch County

John 4:7-26
COMPONENTS OF THE COACH

The Coach will be an open space for youth in the Coldwater area to engage with their current academic work, outside learning experiences and their fellow peers. Students will have the freedom to choose their engagement with activities in the center.

TUTORING

Tutoring will be offered twice a week for one hour. The sessions will give students the opportunity to work on their homework at their own pace and ask questions on different topics. Qualified adult volunteers will work with students at their request and procure more academic help if needed.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

These are part of the permanent activities available to youth at the Coach. We want to promote relational entertainment and activities. Whether it be a game of Catan or a round of Pool, we hope to get kids talking and offer opportunities for healthy engagement outside of a school setting.

OUTSIDE COACHING

Outside Coaching are additional activities the Coach can offer with outside community support. We can enlist the help of local members and organizations to provide weekly, monthly or even one-time sessions on different skills in a range of fields to keep students engaged.

SNACKS

In an effort to provide a healthy environment for the youth of the community, we will be providing daily healthy snacks to all attendees.

FAITH FIFTEEN

The Faith Fifteen will take place during the first hour of the Coach. Volunteers or invited community leaders will offer a short word to students about life skills rooted in biblical principles.

Please call the Eby Center at (517) 278-5031 or email coachebycenter@gmail.com for more information about the Coach.
Website: ebycenter.org // Facebook: Coach Eby Youth and Family Center
COACH EBY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

THE COACH

Mission: provide a safe and secure environment for Branch County teens to engage with their schoolwork, interact with other students, and learn new lifeskills

OUR VISION

- Offer a safe and secure environment for youth four days a week
- Give additional educational support to students through tutoring sessions
- Allow students to engage with each other in healthy ways through our game room and "Outside Coaching" sessions
- Build moral character and a community spirit in the lives of Branch County's youth
- Break a cycle of poverty for students in the community by equipping them with resources and skills for future success

DEMONSTRATED NEED

Coldwater currently has no tutoring centers or after school centers for middle to high school aged students outside of sports programs. There is a lack of a safe and secure place for students to gather in the time after school and engage with one another. The Coach would provide both the space and the mentors for students if they present academic or personal needs.

Launch Date: September 2019
Target Audience: Branch County Students, Grades 6-12
Dates: Monday–Thursdays from 3–5 PM
Session Objective:
The Suicide Prevention Professional Learning is a one-hour beginner level training that provides knowledge and information about suicide prevention that is applicable to school staff.

This training will address:
- Myths/facts surrounding suicide
- Data about suicide – national, state, and local
- Risk and protective factors
- Warning signs of suicide
- How to refer at-risk students who show signs of suicide

Audience:
All school staff, administrators, teachers, support staff, etc.

Questions:
Contact Angela Blood Starr at blooda@calhounisd.org or Kari Roberts at robertsk@branch-isd.org

Please go to branch-isd.org to register: (Must pre-register)
## Self-Care & Resilience for Educators

**Location:**
Branch Area Careers Center

**Date:**
September 25, 2019

**Time:**
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Cost:**
$10.00

### Session Objective:
Feeling overwhelmed, burned out, or could just use some self-care time? During this one hour session we will examine the concept of compassion fatigue, identify risk factors and warning signs associated with compassion fatigue, discuss tools for self-care and resiliency, and participate in an iRest practice.  
(https://www.ireset.us/projects/ireset)

### Topics include:
- Compassion Fatigue & Secondary Traumatic Stress
- Six Critical Building Blocks of Healing
- Self-care strategies
- iRest practice

### Questions:
Contact Angela Blood Starr at blooda@calhounisd.org or Kari Roberts at robertsk@branch-isd.org

Please go to branch-isd.org to register: (Must Pre-register)  
**Session Objective:**
This beginner level workshop will address gender and recognize the gender diversity of ALL students. Participants will review and discuss terminology, discuss the laws and policies related to transgender individuals, and increase your knowledge and awareness about gender.

Topics include:
- What is gender?
- Laws pertaining to people who identify as transgender
- Terminology related to gender
- Simple strategies for making your school more gender inclusive

**Questions:**
Contact Angela Blood Starr at blooda@calhounisd.org or Kari Roberts at robertsk@branch-isd.org

Please go to branch-isd.org to register: (Must Pre-register)
You’re invited to our annual community event that showcases our partners from around the area who are working together to build strong communities.

September 26, 2019 - 5 to 7 pm
Dearth Community Center, 262 S Sprague Street, Coldwater, Michigan
(located on the Branch County Fairgrounds)

Enjoy some great food and get a taste of what’s happening in Branch County and Colon.

RSVP - info@BrCoFoundation or 517-278-4517

BrCoFoundation.org
Email: info@BrCoFoundation.org
Call: 517.278.4517
INTERESTED IN FREE PRESCHOOL?

APPLY TODAY!
To complete an application or for more information please contact:

Branch County Early Education
200 Bishop Ave.
Coldwater, MI 49036
Phone: 517.279.5830
Email: preschool@branch-isd.org

www.branchisd.org/EarlyEducation
Facebook: Branch County Early Education

Child must be 3 or 4 years-old by September 1st.
Transportation may be available. Services children with disabilities.

These materials were developed under a grant awarded by the Michigan Department of Education.
We’re opening new doors!

You are cordially invited to an Open House at our new location

Friday, September 6  
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
16 North Clay Street  
Coldwater

Tours of the building will be available and Light refreshments provided

Help, Truth and Hope for Women, Men and Families
Save The Date!
Friday October 25th
5:30pm to 7:30pm
The 3rd Annual Celebration Of
Literacy & The Library
+ Wine and Cheese Party +
Hosted by The
Branch County Literacy Council
at the Coldwater Library
10 East Chicago St.
Coldwater
279-9833

Entertainment provided by the
Randall Hazelbaker Band
with John Rucker, Cindy Garn, Sam Greenburg & Randall Hazelbaker