

CHAPTER 6 - SOCIAL SERVICES

DARE COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Main Office: 107 Exeter St., Manteo Mail: P.O. Box 669, Manteo 27954	475-5500 Fax 473-9824
Satellite Office: 50346 Hwy. 12, Frisco	995-4404
Jay Burrus, Director	475-5500
<p>The Department is administered by a 5-member board whose members may serve a maximum of two 3-year terms. Two members are appointed by the State Social Services Comm., two by the County Board of Commissioners, and the fifth is selected by these appointees. The department administers a variety of economic and social services programs including Food Stamps, Medicaid, Health Choice, Work First, as well as investigating child and elderly abuse and neglect complaints, providing foster care, adoption services, and in-home services. Social Services helps families make decisions about nursing home placement or institutional care of disabled or elderly members and provides or refers clients to emergency services.</p>	

DARE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Office: 954 Marshall C. Collins Dr., Manteo Mail: P.O. Box 1000, Manteo 27954	Reservations & information: 475-5640 or 475-5641 Fax 473-3471
Sharron Sanderson, Coordinator	Hours: 8:30AM-5PM Mon.-Fri.
<p>Scheduled transportation is available to all Dare Co. residents for medical appointments, personal shopping, dialysis treatments, the nutrition site in Manteo, etc. Medical appointments are a priority. Anyone can ride.</p>	

HOTLINE CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTER

Center: Hwy. 64 and Amadas St., Manteo Mail: P.O. Box 1490, Manteo 27954	Hotline Crisis Phone: 473-3366
Lynn Bryant, Director	473-5121 Fax 473-9895
<p>Hotline offers shelter and services to victims of domestic abuse and emergency response to sexual assault victims. It maintains a 24-hour emergency phone line to connect distressed callers with trained volunteers. Hotline is a private, non-profit organization supported by grants, contributions, and fundraisers as well as sales from its thrift shops and its recycled weaving project, Endless Possibilities, in Manteo. Thrift shops are located in Manteo, Nags Head, Kitty Hawk, Rodanthe, and Buxton.</p>	

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY OUTREACH

2 Juniper Tr., Southern Shores Mail: P.O. Box 838, Kitty Hawk 27949	480-0070 Fax 261-6342 director@interfaithoutreach.com Website: www.interfaithoutreach.com
Ginger Candelora, Executive Director	Hours: 10AM-2PM Mon., Wed., Fri.
<p>ICO provides emergency services for those who do not qualify for assistance elsewhere. Immediate needs are met when possible through a community network supported by local faith and civic organizations, businesses, other non-profit entities, governmental partners and private individuals.</p>	

BEACH FOOD PANTRY

Beach Food Pantry 3809 N. Croatan Hwy., Unit D, Kitty Hawk Mail: P.O. Box 1224, Kill Devil Hills 27948	261-2756 Hours: Mon.-Fri. 2PM-4PM
The Beach Food Pantry's missions is providing food on an emergency basis to those who are having a hard time making ends meet. Referrals to the pantry are given by our member churches, Interfaith Community Outreach and the Dare County Department of Social Services. The pantry is a non-profit organization that provides a two week supply of food to cover three meals a day. The pantry is supported by member churches and the generosity of individuals and businesses in the community.	

OLDER ADULT SERVICES

Older Adult Services: located in the Baum Senior Center, 300 Mustian St., KDH Mail: P.O. Box 1000, Manteo 27954	475-5635 or 475-5638 Fax 441-5600
Brandi Rheubottom, Director	
This is the county's designated focal point on aging, serving the needs of adults 55 and older and their families. Countywide services include home-delivered meals, outreach, tax aid, transportation services (requests must be received 48 hours in advance), health screening, Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) which includes Medicare Part D counseling, recreational arts and crafts programs, Outer Banks Senior Games, volunteer opportunities, and fitness programs.	

FESSENDEN CENTER (MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER)

Fessenden Center 48630 Hwy. 12, Buxton Mail: P.O. Box 859, Buxton 27920	475-5650 Fax 995-3944 fessenden@darenc.com
Jaki Gray, Leisure Program Supervisor	
This county-owned multi-purpose facility is designed to serve Dare Co. residents of all ages. It provides programs and activities through Older Adult Services and the Parks and Recreation Department.	

GEM CENTER

GEM Adult Day Services, Inc. 831 Herbert Perry Rd., Kitty Hawk P.O. Box 3601, Kill Devil Hills 27948	Helpline 480-3354 gailsonnesso@gmail.com Website: www.gemdayservices.org
Gail Sonnesso, Executive Director	Hours: 10AM-3:30PM, Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.
GEM is a community-based not-for-profit providing care, education and support for families living with dementia. Our support group "Issues and Concerns of Caregivers" meets the 3 rd Thurs. at 2PM. GEM provides advocacy and education for our community.	

YOUTH SERVICES

Children & Youth Partnership for Dare Co. 2400 N. Croatan Hwy., Suite D, KDH Mail: P.O. Box 2539, Kill Devil Hills 27948	441-0614 Fax 441-3580 Website: www.darekids.org - visit to search the calendar for upcoming events.
Loretta Michael, Director	
The Partnership is a private, non-profit organization serving children and their families in Dare Co. It administers the Smart Start Program, provides child care resources and referral services for the	

community, publishes the *Family Resource Guide*, and serves as a clearinghouse of information and services available to Dare County's children/families. The Partnership also holds a State of the Child Conference every five years.

Dare County Youth Council 602 Mustian St., Kill Devil Hills 27948	475-5850 Website: www.dareyouthcenter.org
Katherine Irby, Advisor	
The Council is a community-based youth volunteer organization comprised of middle and high school age youth whose mission is to provide wholesome activities, civic projects and special events for their peers and to serve as the "voice" of youth to local governments in issues of interest to Dare Co. youth.	

Friends of Youth, 954 Marshall C. Collins Dr., Manteo Mail: P.O. Box 1000, Manteo 27954	475-5753 or 475-5754
Jennifer Wooten, Program Assistant	Bonnie Bennett, Program Coordinator
This organization serves at-risk youth ages 6-17 in need of an adult mentor and friend. Adult volunteers are trained and matched one-on-one with young people to provide continuing, caring companionship.	