

PROGRAM PROVIDERS

Amarillo Area Adult Literacy Council

P.O. Box 447,79178 ; 373-9009

The Amarillo Area Adult Literacy Council provides basic instruction in reading, writing, math and spelling to adults over 18 years of age. Volunteer tutors provide all instruction. Amarillo Adult Literacy Council will help approximately 150 adults improve their literacy skills in 2009.

Amarillo Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

803 S Rusk, 374-6688

Amarillo Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse serves individuals, families and the community through education and information and referral services related to substance abuse. Education and training are provided in the detection and intervention of substance abuse problems and addictive diseases. Assessments, referral services, community awareness and prevention programs are also available. More than 1,000 individuals will benefit from family crisis intervention services this year.

Amarillo Family YMCA

Midtown Branch: 609 S Carolina, 376-7021

North Branch: 1330 NW 18th, 373-1811

South Branch: 4101 Hillside, 367-8047

Amarillo Family YMCA offers a broad program of health and physical fitness activities, child care, leadership training, sports leagues, skills instruction, recreational and educational activities for young people and adults. In 2009, the North YMCA Program Center will provide services to 8,500 individuals in our community.

Amarillo Senior Citizens Association

1220 S Polk, 374-5500

Amarillo Senior Citizens Association provides nutritious meals, social activities, motivation, referral information, life enrichment, involvement and employment services to its members and other senior citizens in need in Potter and Randall counties. An estimated 8,500 senior citizens will benefit from these services during the year.

Amarillo Speech, Hearing and Language Center / Panhandle Council for the Deaf

1300 Wallace Boulevard, 359-7681

PCD - 1300 Wallace Boulevard, 359-1506 Voice or TDD

These agencies work in concert to provide speech-language pathology and audiology services for individuals of all ages who have communication disorders. Clients receive services and participate in activities that improve their ability to function as independent members of society. This promotes equal social and educational opportunities for hearing-impaired persons of all ages, thus facilitating interaction and communication between deaf and hearing persons. This agency will provide services to more than 9,800 adults and children this year.

American Red Cross, Texas Panhandle Chapter

1800 S Harrison, 376-6309

The Red Cross is the international symbol of protection and mercy. Volunteers can be depended on to give prompt relief when disasters strike. Red Cross plans, educates and prepares people for disasters and provides emergency communication assistance to all our service members. Red Cross is a leading provider of first aid courses, CPR training, swimming lessons, lifesaving techniques and HIV/AIDS education. Red Cross will provide over 15,000 people with emergency assistance in 2009.

Big Brothers Big Sisters

600 S Tyler, Suite 804, 351-2210

Big Brothers Big Sisters matches carefully screened adult volunteers with children from single-parent families to provide positive role models, thus enhancing self esteem, establishing quality peer-relationships and improving the child's ability to develop friendships. In 2009, approximately 500 children and adults will benefit from matches.

Boy Scouts of America, Golden Spread Council

401 Tascosa Road, 358-6500

The Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America offers programs designed to prepare young people to make ethical life choices, thus achieving their full potential. Merit badge programs, aviation seminars, camping and Ethics-in-Action are just some of the exciting and educational activities available to the scouts. The values instilled are based on the Boy Scout Oath and Law. This year, 776 youth members will gain valuable life skills through the Scoutreach program. The life exploration program, Venturing, will serve over 600 youth this year.

The Bridge, Children's Advocacy Center

804 Quail Creek Drive, 372-2873

The Bridge protects children victimized by abuse. Additionally, the Bridge assists Panhandle professionals in their investigation of physical and sexual abuse cases. A trained Bridge specialist interviews and videotapes the testimony of the child in a home-like setting, minimizing the victim's stress during lengthy judicial processes. Since its opening, The Bridge has helped Panhandle officials increase child abuse conviction rates from 70% to 95%. In 2009, The Bridge will provide services to over 1,200 children.

Camp Fire USA

2808 Canyon Drive, 373-7922

Camp Fire USA offers educational and recreational programs that provide opportunities for youth to realize their potential and function effectively as caring, self-directed and responsible individuals. Camp Fire seeks to improve conditions affecting youth in our community through developmentally-specific programs such as Kids Care After School Program. In 2008, Camp Fire provided hundreds of children with a safe, caring environment through the Kids Care programs.

Canyon After School Program

P O Box 46, Canyon 79015, 655-4024

Canyon After School Program provides a supervised environment where children work on homework, have fun, enjoy togetherness and are involved in a variety of activities related to "supervised play" in six elementary schools in the Canyon Independent School District. The atmosphere, rules and procedures vary greatly from the typical school day, with emphasis placed on recreational and leisure activities. Adult supervision and security are provided to ensure the safety of the children.

Children's Learning Centers

2300 Tee Anchor Blvd, 374-5223

Children's Learning Centers of Amarillo have provided the highest quality day care for children 6 weeks to 10 years of age for over 67 years. The ten locations in Amarillo offer a stimulating, healthy and safe environment where physical, emotional, social and intellectual needs can be met. This year, Children's Learning Centers will provide childcare for approximately 875 children in our community.

Family Support Services

1001 S Polk, 342-2500

Family Support Services is committed to serving the community by strengthening individuals and families through crisis support, counseling and education. Clinical services include individual, marital, family and group counseling, parenting classes and educational programs such as *Children Coping With Divorce*. Crisis services include a 24-hour crisis intervention hotline for survivors of sexual abuse and family violence; a shelter for battered women and their children; victim advocacy services; educational programs such as *WHO (We Help Ourselves)*, an anti-victimization program for children. This year, Family Support Services will assist more than 30,000 people through these programs.

Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains

6011 W 45th Avenue, 356-0096

Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains provides programs for girls who meet in troops or groups with a caring adult. Programs strive to "inspire girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, service and patriotism that they may become happy and resourceful citizens." Planning and decision making are the focus in order to develop self-esteem and independence. Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains will serve approximately 3,500 girls this year through special outreach and traditional troops.

Epilepsy Foundation West Texas

1411 Amarillo Blvd PO Box 5884, 352-5426

Epilepsy Foundation West Texas provides a full range of services in the Texas Panhandle from promoting education and understanding of epilepsy to providing the necessary information, treatment, counseling, employment and rehabilitation services for persons with epilepsy and their families. High Plains Epilepsy Association will serve hundreds of clients and family members in 2009 through its Epilepsy Clinic program.

Jan Werner Adult Day Care Center

3108 S Fillmore, 374-5516

Jan Werner Adult Day Care Center provides day care and nursing services to the elderly and persons with disabilities. Services include daily medical and social rehabilitative services, meals, counseling, social activities and out-of-home respite care. The goal is to help individuals achieve or maintain self-sufficiency, to prevent or remedy abuse and neglect of dependent adults, and to reduce the need for institutional care. This year, Jan Werner Adult Day Care Center will provide day care services to more than 350 individuals. The transportation program will provide more than 37,000 one-way transportation trips for clients.

Maverick Boys and Girls Club

1923 S Lincoln, 372-8393

The Maverick Boys and Girls Club provides after school activities for youth ages 8-18 regardless of ethnicity, economic status, creed or background. Club programs provide positive physical, social, educational and cultural training while offering guidance, discipline and counseling. The club atmosphere provides a place with people who will help children find something worthwhile within themselves. This year, the Maverick Club will serve more than 1,000 youths.

The Salvation Army

400 S Harrison, 373-6631

The Salvation Army renders assistance to families and individuals in need of food, clothing, medicine, school supplies and temporary housing. The Salvation Army provides guidance to individuals searching for employment opportunities and maintains disaster aid, a youth center and corporate programs. The Salvation Army will serve approximately 53,725 people through its various programs this year.

Community Impact Grant Recipients

Area Agency on Aging (Panhandle Regional Planning Commission)

P.O. Box 9257, 331-2227

The mission of the Area Agency on Aging is to improve the lives of senior citizens in the Panhandle by helping them remain independent and living in their own homes with quality of life. The Area Agency provides the planning, coordination and implementation of many services. In cooperation with United Way of Amarillo & Canyon, the City of Amarillo and other resources, AAA provides home-delivered and congregate meals to over 300 seniors in need each weekday.

Inter Faith Hunger Project (Catholic Family Service)

200 S Tyler Street 376-4571, ext. 246

The Inter Faith Hunger Project provides and distributes food and personal hygiene items to the elderly and disabled within Amarillo. Without this service, many people who are unable to get out and go shopping may be forced to move into an assisted living facility or nursing home. The Inter Faith Hunger Project provides groceries for 350 individuals and 4,500 meals each month.

United Way Community Services

2-1-1 Texas/Volunteer Action Center

200 S Tyler, Dial 2-1-1

United Way of Amarillo & Canyon provides two Community Services: *2-1-1 Texas* (Information and Referral line) and the Volunteer Action Center. Both programs are housed at the Tyler Street Resource Center. *2-1-1 Texas* provides a central source of information concerning resources to meet health and human service needs in our communities. More than 50,000 people access *2-1-1 Texas* annually. The Volunteer Action Center is a clearinghouse that matches volunteers with challenging and rewarding volunteer opportunities available in quality social service agencies throughout the community.