

Instruction, Translation and Interpretation

Goodwill Industries of Greater Grand Rapids - Goodwill Employment Center

goodwillgr.org

3777 Sparks Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Offers an alliance of eight community organizations brought together to implement a system of coordinated workforce development services across area agencies, providing individuals and families tools to move toward sustained financial stability. (DURING COVID-19 workforce development programs are running remotely. People are encouraged to call for information)

Hispanic Center of West Michigan

hispanic-center.org

1204 Grandville Avenue SW Grand Rapids, MI 49503 | 616-742-0194

Provides interpretation, translation and cultural competency services as a means of eliminating language barriers. Specializing in Spanish interpreting services in courts, the general public, schools, hospitals, and private and public agencies. Also provides workplace-based English language training.

Noor's Heaven of West Michigan Services

noorheaven.org

2035 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508 | 616-589-1625

Provides a wide range of services to the Arab and Muslim community (and others) in West Michigan. Offers job Job Search/Application Assistance, INS/ Citizenship classes, domestic violence prevention, shelter referral, food pantry referral, translation, and Child Protective Services assistant. Also offers educational and adoption services, cultural sensitivity workshops and classes, guidance and counseling in building and developing talents and skills, and more. لدى جمعية جنة نور الخيرية سعي دؤوب من أجل تقديم كافة الخدمات الجلية لجاليتنا العربية في منطقة غرب ولاية ميتشغن فمن خدمات التدريب والتأهيل والتوظيف الى كفالة الأيتام و المأوى ومن المساعدات الغذائية والعينية إلى الترجمة و التمثيل في المحاكم ومن الحصص التعليمية وخدمات التبني الى البرامج الترفيهية والثقافية. فالجمعية تقيم برامج التوجيه والإرشاد و التي تهتم ببناء شخصية الأبناء وتطوير مواهبهم وتمييزها

Roosevelt Park Ministries

rooseveltparkministries.org

1530 Grandville Avenue SW Grand Rapids, MI 49503 | 616-475-5881

Offers Spanish language classes for residents, community members, and community partners. Classes engage prospective students in speaking, comprehending, and becoming literate in Spanish.

Davenport University - W A Lettinga Building

davenport.edu/wa-lettinga

6191 Kraft Avenue SE Grand Rapids, MI 49512

Main College Of Business, Room 122 | 616-871-6147

Offers an intensive ESL program to fit the needs of all proficiency levels. Levels range from beginning to advanced and instruction is offered in reading, writing, listening and speaking.

English as a Second Language

Alpha Grand Rapids: Alpha Men's Center + Alpha Women's Center

alphagrandrapids.org

1725 South Division Avenue Grand Rapids, MI 49507

Men's Center: 616-742-0242 | Women's Center: 616-459-9955

Offers ESL class weekly September-May and is taught by trained tutors. Childcare is provided during this class for children age 5 and younger.

Belding Area Schools - Adult and Community Education

bas-k12.org/adult-education

1975 Orchard Street Belding, MI 48809 | 616-794-4602

Provides an adult education program that includes high school completion and GED classes. Also offers continuous learning classes and activities through Community Education.

Holy Name of Jesus - San Juan Diego Academy

sanjuandiegoacademy.com

1650 Godfrey Avenue SW Wyoming, MI 49509 | 616-241-6489

Provides English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. Helps non-native speakers improve their level of English proficiency and become more confident in their abilities to speak, listen, read, and write English. Has small group instruction with classes offered at beginner, intermediate and advanced level. Students can also utilize a computer lab where they can use English software to supplement and reinforce classroom learning.

Grand Rapids Public Schools

grps.org

1331 Franklin Street SE Grand Rapids, MI 49506 | 616-819-2000

Utilizes special methods and special curriculum to teach English to students whose native language is not English.

Ionia County Literacy Council

bit.ly/2RuSe2i

301 West Main Street Ionia, MI 48846 | 616-389-8529

Provides one to one tutoring in reading, writing, math, and spoken English to adult learners in Ionia County.

Kent Intermediate School District

kentisd.org/students/adult-education

2405 Leonard Street NE Beckwith School Grand Rapids, MI 49505 | 616-819-2734

Teaches English as a Second Language classes for non-English speaking adults who want to improve their English speaking ability. Participants are at various levels of competency, e.g. foreign born persons who never attended school in their own country, persons at a pre-high school or pre-college level, professional persons of foreign birth

English as a Second Language cont'd

Literacy Center of West Michigan

literacycenterwm.org

1120 Monroe Avenue NW Suite 240 Grand Rapids, MI 49503 | 616-459-5151
Provides English language and reading instruction to parents who have children enrolled in participating schools in the Grand Rapids Public, Godwin Heights Public School, and Godfrey Lee Public School Districts. Currently serving Brookside Elementary, Buchanan Elementary, Burton Elementary, Cesar Chavez Elementary, Dickinson Academy, Harrison Park Elementary, North Godwin Elementary, Sibley Elementary, Southwest Community Campus, West Godwin Elementary, Cook Library, Hispanic Center, North Godwin, and Godfrey Lee. Pre-literacy Spanish classes are offered to speakers of indigenous, oral-only languages. This pre-literacy class in Spanish supports their literacy development. Also provides workplace-based English language training.

Bethany Christian Services

bethany.org

901 Eastern Avenue NE Grand Rapids, MI 49503 | (616) 965-8073
Provides full and comprehensive employment services to refugees and to companies in Kent and Ottawa Counties, with no charge to the employee or company. Free Vocational English Language Training is also available in community based sites.

West Michigan Asian American Association

wm-aaa.org

818 Butterworth SW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 | 616-481-6194
Teaches English as a second language.

Word ESL

grdominicans.org/ministries/word-esl

2025 Fulton Street East, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 | 616-514-3106
Aims to provide the students with a safe, welcoming environment, providing the basic English language skills that they need. This is a one-on-one tutoring program for beginning language learners. Also provides small group learning and computer assisted learning. There is a waiting list. Also offers citizenship classes twice a year at GRCC Tassel M-Tec Center. These classes are held on Saturday mornings. Call to inquire.

Community Resources Language Services Agencies



A starting point for finding agencies that offer interpretation, translation, ESL and vocational ESL services.

Do you have any questions or suggestions for the Community Resources Workgroup? Contact us at communityresources@kdl.org

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