

## Muhlenberg County

### 1) Brief History

The thirty-second county in order of formation, Muhlenberg County was formed in 1798 from the neighboring counties of Logan and Christian. Muhlenberg County was named after General John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg, a clergyman, a soldier, and a politician of the Colonial, Revolutionary, and Post-Revolutionary eras.

White settlers came into the Muhlenberg County area in the 1780s and 1790s, many of them soldiers in General Muhlenberg's regiment. It was soon discovered that the region was rich in coal and iron deposits. One of the first coal mines in the county was established in 1820 on a farm on the Green River. Initially this coal was sold to local blacksmiths to fire their forges. As more deposits were found near the Green River, which provided easy access to other markets such as Owensboro and Evansville, Indiana, Muhlenberg's coal industry grew.

During the antebellum period, Muhlenberg County was a center of the Kentucky iron industry. In 1855 Sir Robert Alexander built the Airdrie Iron Furnace with the assistance of imported Scottish labor. Tobacco farming, especially in the county's northwest section, predominated during the 1850s. Grains and hogs were also raised.

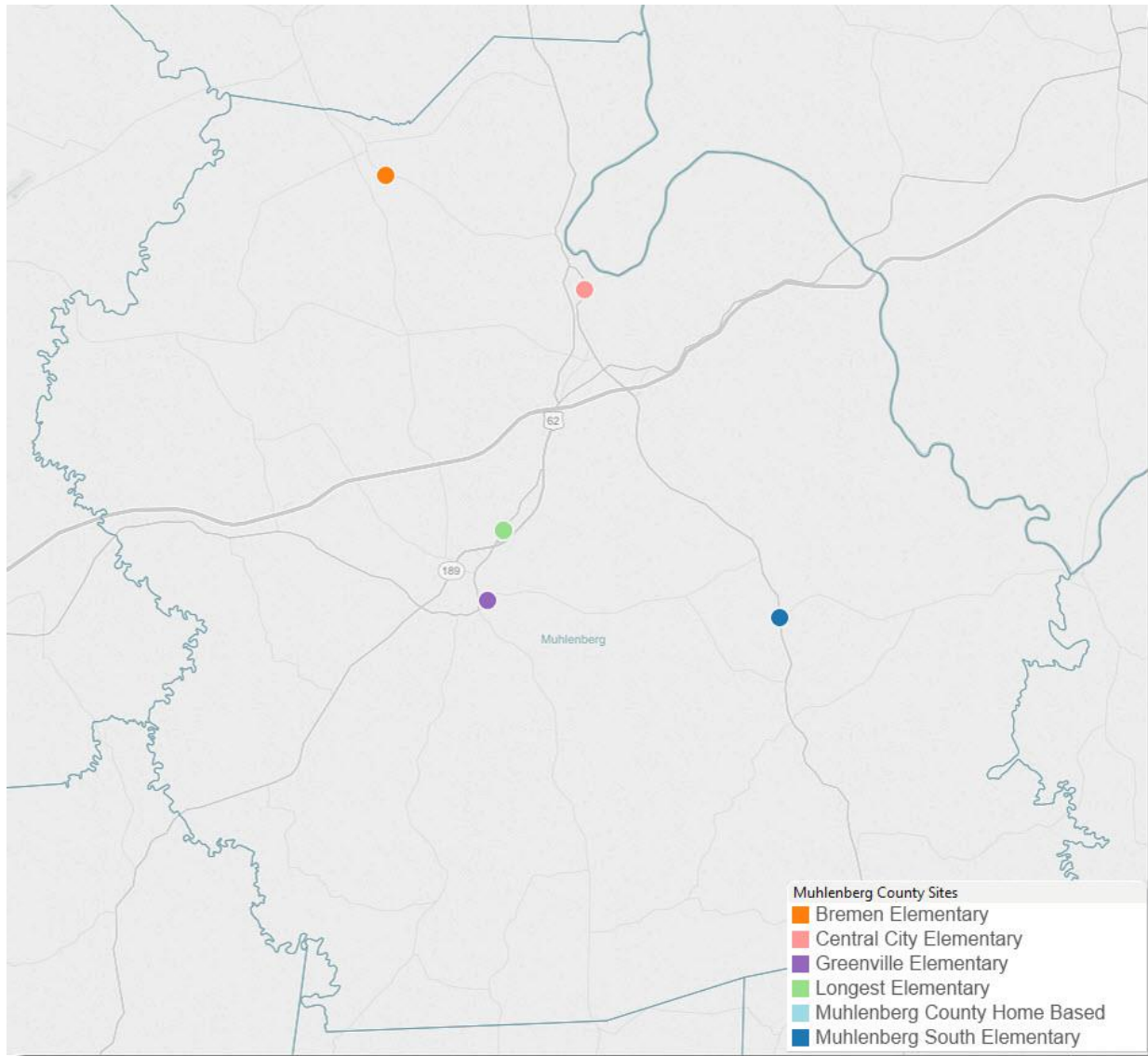
### 2) Geographical Description

Located in west-central Kentucky, Muhlenberg County is bordered by Butler, Christian, Hopkins, Logan, McLean, Ohio, and Todd counties and has an area of 478 square miles. The topography of Muhlenberg County is varied. The southern section of the county is somewhat rugged; the central portion of the county, extending toward its northern boundary, is more level. Over 40 percent of the county is still covered by hardwood forests, mostly of oak and hickory. The principal streams are the Green, Mud, and Pond rivers.

Lake Malone, spanning 788 acres in southern Muhlenberg County, provides water recreation such as swimming, boating, and fishing. The lake and the surrounding hardwood forest form Lake Malone State Park. The Paradise Park in Powderly is a replica of a 1920's coal-mining town and features the birthplace home of the late Merle Travis.

Sources: *kyenc.org*  
*muhlenbergcounty.ky.gov*

### 3) Location of Centers



Bremen Elementary  
5000 State Route 81  
Bremen, KY 42325

Longest Elementary  
1020 North Main Street  
Greenville, KY 42345

Central City Elementary  
1501 N 2nd Street  
Central City, KY 42330

Muhlenberg County Home Based  
1020 North Main Street  
Greenville, KY 42345

Greenville Elementary  
201 E Main Cross St  
Greenville, KY 42345

Muhlenberg South Elementary  
2005 US Hwy 431  
South Beechmont, KY 42323

## 4) Demographic Data

## a) Population Description

Annual Estimates of Resident Population											
April 1, 2010		Population Estimate (as of July 1)								5 YR Net Change	
Census	Estimates Base	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total	%
31,499	31,499	31,656	31,527	31,388	31,331	31,307	31,248	31,064	30,816	-572	-1.8%

Age Group as a Percent of Population														
Total population	Under 5		5-9		10-14		15-19		20-24		25-34		35-44	
	Actual	%	Actual	%	Actual	%	Actual	%	Actual	%	Actual	%	Actual	%
31,216	1,566	5	1,723	5.5	2,115	6.8	2,249	7.2	1,914	6.1	3,645	11.7	3,911	12.5
	45-54		55-59		60-64		65-74		75-84		85 yrs+			
	4,361	14	1,983	6.4	2,245	7.2	3,217	10.3	1,862	6	425	1.4		

## b) Households and Families

Households and Families	Total	Married Couples	Male Householder, No Wife Present	Female Householder, No Husband Present
Total households	11,510	6,275	442	1,350
Average household size	2.6%	3.0%	3.5%	4.0%
<b>Families</b>				
Total families	8,067	6,275	442	1,350
Average family size	3.1%	3.0%	3.0%	3.8%
<b>Age of Own Children</b>				
Households with own children under 18 years	2,722	1,823	162	737
Under 6 years only	17.2%	18.4%	11.1%	15.3%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	19.3%	18.3%	9.3%	23.9%
6 to 17 years only	63.6%	63.2%	79.6%	60.8%
<b>Selected Households by Type</b>				
Households with one or more people under 18 years	27.9%	34.2%	45.0%	62.0%
Households with one or more people 60 years and over	44.5%	44.7%	28.7%	33.9%
Householder living alone	26.6%	(X)	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	11.2%	(X)	(X)	(X)
<b>Units in Structure</b>				
1-unit structures	73.6%	83.7%	68.8%	54.1%
2-or-more-unit structures	7.4%	1.2%	8.8%	18.3%
Mobile homes and all other types of units	18.9%	15.1%	22.4%	27.6%
<b>Housing Tenure</b>				
Owner-occupied housing units	79.5%	89.7%	71.9%	61.8%
Renter-occupied housing units	20.5%	10.3%	28.1%	38.2%

**c) Racial and Ethnic Demographics**

<b>Racial &amp; Ethnic Demographics</b>							
Total:	<b>Not Hispanic or Latino</b>						
	White	Black or African American	American Indian & Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian & Other Pac. Islander	Other race	2 or more races:
31216	28801	1645	75	121	47	4	348
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>							
Hispanic or Latino:	White	Black or African American	American Indian & Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian & Other Pac. Islander	Other race	2 or more races:
175	74	9	0	0	0	27	65

**d) Characteristics and Projected Growth**

<b>Census 2000 and 2010</b>			
<b>Actual</b>			
Census 2000	Census 2010	Net Change	% Change
30,306	29,548	-758	-2.50%

<b>Population Projections 2015-2030</b>											
<b>Projections</b>											
2015	Net Change	% Change	2020	Net Change	% Change	2025	Net Change	% Change	2030	Net Change	% Change
29,567	19	0.10%	29,462	-105	-0.40%	29,224	-237	-0.80%	28,802	-422	-1.40%

<b>Summary Indicators</b>									
<b>Population</b>			<b>Median age</b>			<b>Ratio Analysis</b>			
Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Sex ratio (males per 100 females)	Age dependency	Old-age dependency	Child dependency
31,216	15,627	15,589	41.5	39.6	43.2	100.2	63.3	28.8	34.5

## e) Social and Economic Status of Population

Educational Attainment					
Less than a High School Diploma or Equivalent	High School Diploma or Equivalent	Some College but No Degree	Associate's Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate or Professional Degree
22.2%	40.1%	18.5%	8.0%	5.7%	5.5%

Basic Facts							
Total Population	Median Household Income	Per Capita Income	Living In Poverty	Eligible for Medicaid	Without Medical Insurance	Unemployment Rate	Access to Broadband Internet
31,179	\$38,105	\$20,008	20.4%	20.3%	17.8%	9.3%	96.9%

Employment by Sector							
Manufacturing and Construction	Utilities, Trade and Transportation	Information and Communication	Finance, Professional, and Other Services	Health and Education Services	State and Local Government and Public Education	Agriculture, Mining, and Other Natural Resources	Suppressed Employment
16.7%	18.2%	0.0%	3.2%	30.4%	21.5%	2.0%	0.0%

## 5) Estimated Number of Head Start Eligible Children

Estimated Number of Early Head Start Eligible Children							
Total population (Estimate)	%	Under 5 Years	Children 0-2 Years Old	2015 Child Poverty Rate	Estimated Eligible Income	Funded Enrollment	Difference
31,216	5.4%	1,687	1,040	26.2%	272	21	-251
Estimated Number of Head Start Eligible Children							
Total population (Estimate)	%	Under 5 Years	Children 3-4 Years Old	2015 Child Poverty Rate	Estimated Eligible Income	Funded Enrollment	Difference
31,216	5.4%	1,687	647	26.2%	170	181	11

### 6) Nutrition

Health Outcomes and Factors															
Health Outcomes		Health Factors		Length of Life		Quality of Life		Health Behaviors		Clinical Care		Social & Economic Factors		Physical Environment	
Z-Score	Rank	Z-Score	Rank	Z-Score	Rank	Z-Score	Rank	Z-Score	Rank	Z-Score	Rank	Z-Score	Rank	Z-Score	Rank
-0.12	67	0.02	70	0.08	81	-0.20	48	-0.03	54	0.03	69	-0.02	70	0.05	105

Health Care Providers								
Primary Care Physicians			Dentists			Mental Health Providers		
# Primary Care Physicians	PCP Ratio	Z-Score	# Dentists	Dentist Ratio	Z-Score	# Mental Health Providers	MHP Ratio	Z-Score
12	2599:1	0.26	10	3103:1	0.21	11	2821:1	0.52

### 7) Children with Disabilities

Services Received by Children											
Children 0-2 Years Old		Children 3-4 Years Old		Children Receiving WIC	Children Living Below 100% Poverty		Children Living Below 150% Poverty		Children Living Below 200% Poverty		
1,040	3.3%	647	2.1%	693	470	24.3%	971	50.3%	1,106	57.3%	

Families Served by the First Steps Program	# Families Served by the HANDS Home Visitation Program	<u>Risk Factors</u> - Birth to Teenage Girls 15-19 - Rate per 1,000 Females Ages 15-19		<u>Risk Factors</u> - Preterm Babies (born before 37 weeks of pregnancy)	
16	187	47	51.2	31	9.2%

## 8) Strengths and Need of Head Start Eligible Children and Families as Defined by the Families

Families in each county were given the opportunity to be involved in our Family Partnership Agreement process which included completing an individualized family goal, pre-assessment, and post assessment. The main areas for both assessments include: education, employment, housing, transportation, emergency assistance, child birth, relative child, family literacy, resources/training, volunteering, and community involvement. The purpose of the pre-assessment is to better understand the family's unique strengths and needs to determine if any follow-up of services or resources are needed.

Pre & Post Assessment with Families			
Assessment	1	2	+/-
Employment & Job Skills	3.3	3.5	▲0.2
Money Management	3.5	3.6	▲0.1
Safe and Stable Housing	3.9	3.9	▲0
Transportation Access	3.9	3.9	▲0.1
Medical, Dental & Vision Care	4	4	▲0
Mental Wellness	3.9	4	▲0
Nutrition	3.6	3.6	▲0
Parenting Practices	3.8	3.9	▲0.1
Actively Involved with Child	3.6	3.7	▲0.1
Language Development	3.3	3.6	▲0.3
Parent as Educator	3.5	3.7	▲0.2
Adult Education	2.1	2.2	▲0.1
Transitional Services	3.4	3.7	▲0.3
Support Network	3.9	3.9	▲0
Civic/Community Involvement	2.4	2.5	▲0.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52.2</b>	<b>53.7</b>	<b>▲1.4</b>

## 9) Strengths and Needs of Head Start Eligible Children and Families as Defined by the Community

Top 5 Most Important Problems:

1. Alcohol/Drug Abuse – 53.4%
2. Prescription Drug Abuse – 29.4%
3. Child Abuse/Neglect – 25.7%
4. Teen Pregnancy – 25.4%
5. Tobacco Use – 23.4%

**Top 3 Most Negative Behaviors:**

1. Substance Abuse – 60.9%
2. Being Overweight – 45.3%
3. Tobacco Use – 27.7%

*Source: Muhlenberg County Community Health Survey*

**10) Other Child Development Programs**

Early Care and Education Programs						
Head Start Enrollment	Preschool	Kindergarten	3- and 4-Year-Olds with Disabilities	3- and 4-Year-Olds Income eligible	3- and 4-Year-Olds with Disabilities	At-Risk 4-Year-Olds at or Below 160% FPL
184	170	359	105	133	45	58

Total Child Care Capacity	Children Receiving Child Care Assistance (CCAP Program)	CCAP at Licensed Centers	CCAP at Licensed Homes	CCAP at Certified Homes	CCAP at Registered Providers
388	73	<10	<10	<10	<10

Child Care Providers				
Percent of Total Child Care Facilities by STAR Rating				
One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars	Unrated
37.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	62.5%

Licensed/Certified Child Care Centers and Capacity by STAR Rating							
STARS Licensed	STARS Certified	STARS Licensed Child Care Capacity	STARS Certified Child Care Capacity	Not STARS Licensed	Not STARS Certified	Not STARS Licensed Child Care Capacity	Not STARS Certified Child Care Capacity
3	0	216	0	3	2	160	12



## Access and Availability of Community Resources

### **Career Training, Employment, and Job Readiness**

**Muhlenberg Career and Advancement Center**

50 Career Way  
Central City, KY 42330

Phone: 270-338-5939

**Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation**

275 E. Main Street Mail Drop 2-EK  
Frankfort, KY 40621

Toll Free:800-372-7172

Phone: 502-564-4440

Fax: 502-564-6745

Fax: 502-564-1268

### **Child Services**

**Protection and Permanency**

210 South Boggess Avenue  
P.O. Box 549  
Greenville, KY 42345

Phone: 270-338-3072

**Child Support**

P.O. Box 269  
140 Main Street  
Calhoun, KY 42327-0269

Phone: 270-338-5909

**Family Education Assessment Treatment (F.E.A.T.)**

Phone: 859-824-5074

**Health Access Nurturing Development Services (H.A.N.D.S.)**

Phone: 502-564-3756

**Parenting Help for Teens**

<http://members.tripod.com/xila/teens.html>

**Clothing**

**Central City Goodwill**  
220 S. 2nd Street  
Central City, KY 42330

Phone: 270-757-1112

**St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store**  
213 Midtown Plaza  
Beaver Dam, KY 42320

Phone: 270-274-5118

**Disability Services**

**Protection & Advocacy**  
100 Fair Oaks Lane, Suite 302  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
\*Issues related to disability [www.kypa.net](http://www.kypa.net)

Phone: 800-372-2988  
Fax: 502-564-0848

**Center for Accessible Living**  
1051 N. 16th Street Suite C  
Murray, KY 42071

Phone: 270-753-7676

**Domestic Violence**

**National Domestic Violence Hotline**

Toll Free: 800-779-SAFE

**Battered Women Justice Project**

Toll Free: 800-903-0111

**Educational Opportunities**

**Muhlenberg County GED Information**

Phone: 270-338-2257

**KY Tech – Muhlenberg County Campus**  
201 Airport Road  
Greenville, KY 42345

Phone: 270-338-1271

**Madisonville Community College – Muhlenberg Campus**  
406 W. Everly Brothers Blvd  
Central City, KY 42330

Phone: 270-757-9881

**Ex-Offender/Sex Offender Assistance & Advocacy****Bluegrass Reentry Council****Chrysalis House**

1589 Hill Rise

Lexington, KY 40504

[www.KentuckyReentry.org/](http://www.KentuckyReentry.org/)

Phone: 859-977-2502

Fax: 859-233-9231

**Protection & Advocacy**

100 Fair Oaks Lane, Suite 302

Frankfort, KY 40601

\*Issues related to disability [www.kypa.net](http://www.kypa.net)

Phone: 800-372-2988

Fax: 502-564-0848

**Financial Assistance****Central City Ministerial Association**

Third and Broad Street.

Central City, KY 42330

\*Food and clothing; utility assistance; rent and lodging assistance (2 days to 1 month); service referrals

Phone: 270-754-3280

**Heartland Cares**

619 N. 30th Street

Paducah, KY 42001

[www.hcares.org](http://www.hcares.org)

Phone: 270-444-8183

**Pennyrile Allied Community Services**

518 Hopkinsville Street

Greenville, KY 42345

Phone: 270-338-5080

**Kentucky Department for Families and Children**

518 Hopkinsville St.

Greenville, KY 42345

Phone: 270-338-2330

**Food Assistance****Central City Ministerial Association**

Phone: 270-754-3280

Third and Broad Street

Central City, KY 42330

\*Food and clothing; utility assistance; rent and lodging assistance (2 days to 1 month); service referrals

**Heartland Cares**

Phone: 270-444-8183

619 N. 30th Street

Paducah, KY 42001

[www.hcares.org](http://www.hcares.org)**Hope 2 All Community Food Pantry of Muhlenberg**

Phone: 270-476-5152

307 Mose Roger Boulevard

Drakesboro, KY 42337

**KY Dept for Families and Children**

Phone: 270-338-2330

518 Hopkinsville Street

Greenville, KY 42345

**Pennyrile Allied Community Services**

Phone: 270-338-5080

518 Hopkinsville Street

Greenville, KY 42345

**God's Pantry- Emergency Food Box Program**

Phone: 859-288-5319

**Gambler's Anonymous****1-888-GA-HELPS****Government Agencies (Includes State and Local Officials/Police Agencies)****Job Corp**

Phone: 270-338-3422

3875 St Rut 181 N.

Greenville, KY 42330

Phone: 270-338-3654

**Department for Employment Services**

50 Career Way  
Central City, KY 42330

**Government Agencies (Includes State and Local Officials/Police Agencies)****Kentucky Department for Families and Children**

518 Hopkinsville Street  
Greenville, KY 42345

Phone: 270-338-2330

**Central City Housing Authority**

511 S. 9th Street  
Central City, KY 42330

Phone: 270-754-2521

**Greenville Housing Authority**

613 Reynolds Street  
Greenville, KY 42345

Phone: 270-338-5900

**Central City Police Department**

Phone: 270-754-2464

**Greenville Police Department**

Phone: 270-338-3133

**Halfway Houses, Homeless Shelters, and Housing****Heartland Cares**

619 N. 30th Street  
Paducah, KY 42001  
[www.hcares.org](http://www.hcares.org)

Phone: 270-444-8183

**Sanctuary, Inc.**

P.O. Box 1165  
Hopkinsville, KY 42241-1165  
[www.sanctuaryinc.net](http://www.sanctuaryinc.net)

Phone: 270-885-4572

**Central City Ministerial Association**

Third and Broad Street  
Central City, KY 42330

Phone: 270-754-3280

**Healthcare****Owensboro Health**

440 Hopkinsville Street  
Greenville, KY 42345

Phone: 270-338-8000

**Muhlenberg County Health Department**

105 Legion Drive  
P.O. Box 148  
Central City, KY 42330

Phone: 270-754-3200

**HIV/AIDS****Heartland Cares**

619 N. 30th Street  
Paducah, KY 42001 [www.hcares.org](http://www.hcares.org)

Phone: 270-444-8183

**KY HIV- AIDS Program**

Toll Free:800-420-7431

**Identification: Birth Certificates, Driver's License, Social Security****Birth Certificate Information****Office of Vital Statistics**

275 E. Main Street, 1E-A  
Frankfort, KY 40621

Phone: 502-564-4212

**Driver's License Information****Muhlenberg Circuit Clerk**

Muhlenberg County Judicial Center  
136 S Main Street  
P. O. Box 776  
Greenville, KY 42345

Phone: 270-338-4850

**Social Security Information****Social Security Office – Main Office**

601 W. Broadway, Room 101  
Louisville, KY 40202

Local #: 866-716-9671  
National: 800-772-1213  
TTY: 502-582-5517

**Muhlenberg County Social Security Office**

2100 Fort Campbell Blvd.  
Hopkinsville, KY 42240

Phone: 270-886-3855

**Legal Help****Kentucky Legal Aid**

1700 Destiny Lane  
Bowling Green, KY 42104 [www.klaid.org](http://www.klaid.org)

Toll Free: 866-452-9243

**Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy**

1079 Thornberry Drive  
Madisonville, KY 42431

Phone: 270-824-7001

**Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services****Pennyroyal Center**

Phone: 502-338-5211  
Crisis #: 877-473-7766

**Western State Hospital**

P.O Box 2200  
Hopkinsville, KY 42240

Phone: 270-889-6025

**Substance Abuse & Mental Health Service Administration [SAMHSA]**

<http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/databases/facility-search.aspx?state=KY>

**National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) Kentucky**

C/O Somerset Community College  
808 Monticello Street  
Somerset, Kentucky 42501

Phone: 606-451-6935  
Toll Free 800-257-5081

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

Toll Free:800-467-8091

**Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services(Continued)****Narcotics Anonymous**

Toll Free 800-662-HELP

**Mental Health Association of Kentucky**

120 Sears Avenue Suite 213

Louisville KY 40207

Phone: 502-638-3501

Toll Free:888-705-0463

**Medication Assistance Programs****Partnership for Prescription Assistance:** [www.pparx.org](http://www.pparx.org)**RXAssist:** <http://www.rxassist.org/>**Transportation**

**2-1-1** is an easy-to-remember telephone number that connects people with important community services, including transportation options

**Veteran's Services****Kentucky Department of Veteran's Affairs**

1111 B Louisville Road

Frankfort, KY 40601

[www.veterans.ky.gov](http://www.veterans.ky.gov)

Toll Free:800-572-6245

Phone: 502-564-9203

Fax: 502-564-9240

**Readjustment Counseling Services [RCS]**

US Department of Veteran's Affairs

810 Vermont Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20420

[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

Phone:877-WAR-VETS