

# Community Services Resource Guide



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*If you are not sure where to call, or you need other information about County services, please dial 211 from anywhere in Geauga County and you will be connected to the United Way InfoLine.*

## **ABUSE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

### **Geauga County Job and Family Services**

12480 Ravenwood Drive  
PO Box 309  
Chardon, Oh 44024  
(440) 285-9141 – phone  
(888) 285-5665 – phone after hours  
(440) 286-6654 – fax  
geaugajfs.org

*Social Services provides child and adult protective services by investigating referrals of abuse and neglect and working with the court and the family to ensure the safety of children and the elderly. These services include foster care and adoption services.*

### **WomenSafe**

12041 Ravenna Road  
Chardon, OH 44024  
(440) 286-7154 – phone  
(440) 286-1037 – fax  
(888) 285-5665 – Copeline  
womensafe.org

*Provides domestic violence victims with physically safe, temporary shelter. Also provides emotional support, crisis counseling, information and referral, advocacy and prevention services for domestic violence, as well as information and referral for teenagers and adults in abusive dating relationships. These services are provided 24 hours, 7 day a week, via Copeline at (888) 285-5665.*

## **BREASTFEEDING**

### **La Leche League of Geauga County**

(440) 286-6872 – Adele (akmchk2@aol.com)  
lllOhio.org

Support group for the practical, physical and psychological aspects of breast feeding, also parenting through informal discussions. Provides telephone assistance, as well as a continuing series of meetings and a lending library of information and booklets. Call for meeting information. Like La leche on Facebook!

**WIC**

470 Center Street, Bldg. #8

Chardon, Oh 44024

(440) 279-1936

geaugacountyhealth.org

*Nutrition education program that provides supplemental foods which promote good health for pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, as well as infants and children up to age five, who live in Geauga County, are at nutritional risk, and meet WIC's liberal income guidelines. All services are free.*

**CHILD AND FAMILY SUPPORTIVE SERVICES****Birthright of Chardon**

129 Main Street, Suite B

Chardon, OH 44024

(440) 286-9711 – phone

1-800-550-4900 – national hotline

Monday, Tues, Thursday's 11-4p.m.

*Offers alternatives to abortion as well as pregnancy testing, counseling, support and clothes for mothers and babies, baby food, temporary housing and a speaker's bureau to assist young mothers.*

**Chagrin Falls Park Community Center**

7060 Woodland Ave.

Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

(440) 247-6030

*Offers youth development programs to assist with tutoring and mentoring. Summer day camps to help encourage overall self esteem and success.*

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geugajfs.org

*Human Services supports low income families as they work to stabilize financially. There are opportunities for child care, medical, nutritional, and emergency assistance.*

**Chardon Fire Department**

110 South Hamden Street  
Chardon, OH 44024  
(440) 285-4665

*Offers free children's car seat safety checks and assistance with installation of car seats, call to make an appointment.*

**Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program**

470 Center Street Bldg. 2  
Chardon, OH 44024  
(440)279-1700

*Offers several support programs such as a teen parent panel, speaking engagements at your local schools for education/prevention and parent wisely programs.*

**Starting Point**

209 Center Street  
Chardon, OH 44024  
(440) 285-9121 – phone  
starting-point.org

*A specialized information and referral program addressing child care needs in Geauga County. Services offered for families include a parent hotline, family day care home recruitment, and consumer education, early childhood professionals, training and support, start-up assistance, family home day care sponsorship, and consultation; and for the community, advocacy regarding child care and early education issues, a comprehensive data bank and planning and consultation regarding child care issues.*

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**CLOTHING****Birthright of Chardon**

129 Main Street, Suite B  
Chardon, OH 44024

(440) 286-9711 – phone  
1-800-550-4900 – national hotline  
birthright.org

*Offers alternatives to abortion as well as pregnancy testing, counseling, support and clothes for mothers and babies, baby food, temporary housing and a speaker's bureau to assist young mothers.*

**American Cancer Society Discovery Shop I**

102 Cherry Street  
Chardon, OH 44024  
(440) 285-4377 – phone

*Provides reasonably priced used clothing, household items, and furniture. Call store for hours.*

**Middlefield United Methodist Church**

14999 S. State Avenue  
Middlefield, OH 44062  
(440) 632-0480  
middlefieldumc.com

*Low cost clothing and some household items. Open to the public Friday & Saturday 9:00 am – noon.*

**Sunshine Shop**

Located at Geauga County Fairgrounds  
14373 North Cheshire Street  
Burton, OH 44021  
(800) 209-7590 – phone  
(440) 285-9141 – phone

*Very low cost clothing, household goods, furniture and appliances, when available. Open Friday & Saturday 10:00 am – 2:00 p.m. Closed August 1 – September 15.*

**WomenSafe Resale Shoppe**

12601 Chillicothe Rd  
Chesterland, OH 44026  
(440) 729-2780  
womensafe.org

Low cost clothing, household goods and furniture when available. Open Wednesday & Friday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, Thursday 10:00 am – 7:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

**Habitat for Humanity ReStore**

12180 Kinsman Road  
Newbury, OH 44065  
habitatgeauga.org

Low cost furniture, appliances and household items. Open Friday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

## **COUNSELING - MENTAL HEALTH, DRUG AND ALCOHOL, BEHAVIORAL**

### **United Way's First Call For Help**

Dial 2-1-1 (within Geauga County)  
211geauga.org

*Free and confidential information and referrals to health and human service agencies in Geauga County.*

### **Catholic Charities Services**

Geauga County  
10771 Mayfield Road  
Chardon, OH 44024  
(800) 242-9755 – phone  
(440) 285-3537 – phone  
(440) 285-4909 – fax  
clevelandcatholiccharities.org

*Provides a behavioral health service to help families and individuals strengthen and enrich their relationships. Services include counseling, both individual and group for all ages, as well as educational and support groups, parenting classes, referrals, as well as in home assessment for older adults.*

### **Lake Geauga Center on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse**

200 Center Street, Unit E  
Chardon, OH 44024  
(440) 285-9119 – phone  
(440) 942-6722 – phone  
lgrc.us

*Provides a variety of services for persons whose lives are or have been affected by their own or another's use of alcohol or other drugs. Services include assessment, individual and group counseling, prevention, half-way houses for both men and women, and support groups, as well as a jail treatment program.*

### **Ravenwood Mental Health Center**

12557 Ravenwood Drive

Chardon, OH 44024  
(888) 285-5665 Toll-free 24-hour CopeLine  
(440) 285-3568 – phone  
(440) 285-4552 – fax  
ravenwoodhmc.org

16030 E. High Street  
Middlefield, OH 44062  
(440) 632-5355

*Comprehensive outpatient mental health services including assessment, counseling (ages 4-1/2 and older), child/adult psychiatric services, case management, youth/adult partial hospitalization programs, substance abuse, and sexual victim/offender treatment. An adult residential living program is available to the severely mentally ill.*

## **COUNSELING - PREGNANCY OR PARENTING RELATED**

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Chardon, OH 44024  
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1-800-550-4900 – national hotline  
birthright.org

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## **CRISIS INFORMATION**

**CopeLine**  
(440) 285-5665  
(800) 285-5665

*Provides support, information, and referrals for people with emergencies. Services include assistance with child and elder abuse, mental health emergencies, domestic violence, homelessness, and emergency food. Services are available 24 hours a day.*

**National Suicide Prevention Life Line**  
(800) 273-8255  
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

*No matter what problems you are dealing with, we want to help you find a reason to keep living. You'll be connected to a skilled, trained counselor at a crisis center in your area, anytime 24/7.*



## EDUCATION

### **Lake Geauga United Head Start – Geauga Center**

12406 Madison Road  
PO Box 368  
Huntsburg, OH 44046  
(440) 636-5387 – phone  
(440) 636-5163 – fax  
lguhs.org

*Comprehensive enrichment experiences for low income preschoolers and their families, educational, health, nutritional, dental, and social activities provided, parent involvement is stressed. Eligibility: preschool ages three and four year olds who meet the federal poverty guidelines.*

### **Metzenbaum Center (Gauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities)**

8200 Cedar Road  
Chesterland, OH 44026  
(440) 729-9406 - Service/Intake  
(440) 729-0131 – fax  
geaugadd.org

*Provides services for kids from birth to three years of age, sheltered workshop programs for adults and residential services. Offers Family Support Services and Summer Supportive Services, please call for more information to see if you are eligible!*

### **The Gauga county Educational Service Center**

470 Center Street  
Building 2  
Chardon Ohio 44024  
(440) 279-1700 – phone  
(440) 286-7106 – fax  
geaugaesc.org

*Offers services for children from all seven School Districts using a curriculum that is aligned to Ohio's Early Learning Content Standards. This curriculum allows teachers to prepare children for kindergarten using developmentally appropriate practices. The framework for the curriculum is the Assessment, Evaluation, Programming, System (AEPS) and The Creative Curriculum, both are scientifically research based and supported by the Ohio Department of Education. Please call for availability or with questions.*

## EMPLOYMENT

### **Geauga County Job and Family Services**

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(440) 286-6654 – fax

geugajfs.org

*WORKPLACE is a one-stop employment and training center. Individuals, regardless of income, may get assistance in job training, job search, and work experience. Geauga Youth LEAD is an employment training experience for eligible youth 14 and over.*

## FOOD

### **Bainbridge Food for Friends**

(440) 708-9829 – phone

(440) 543-6181 – phone

(440) 543-7901

*Serves Bainbridge, Auburn, South Russell, Newbury with canned foods, frozen meats, some paper products and soaps. Call and leave a message with name and phone number - they will call back and set up a time when you can meet them at the food pantry. Not set up as night or weekend food pantry. Clients can receive service 1-3 times per year.*

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*Provides emergency food stamps for low income families.*

### **St. Edward Church**

16150 Center St.

Parkman, OH 44080

(440) 548-3812 - phone

*Walk-in for service on the third Sunday of each month: 10:00am-12:00noon. Clients must bring own bags*

**Parkman Congregational Church**

18265 Madison Rd.  
Parkman Twp., OH 44080  
(440) 548-4829 – phone

*Phone for an appointment M-F: 9:00am-2:00pm; if calling outside of office hours, leave a message, and the call should be returned by the next business day.*

**God Shares a Meal**

First United Methodist Church  
14999 South State Street  
PO Box 207  
Middlefield, OH 44062  
(440) 632-0480 – phone  
middlefieldumc.com

*Provides a community meal once each month on the last Friday of the month.*

**Geauga Hunger Task Force**

209 Center Street  
Chardon, OH 44024  
2-1-1 in Geauga County  
(440) 285-3194 Service/Intake  
(888) 285-5665 After Hours  
uwsgc.org

*Non-profit program administered by Geauga United Way made up of church and community volunteers to supply emergency food to Geauga County residents. To find a pantry in your area call 2-1-1 from your home phone or (440) 285-3194. Times and areas differ from day to day.*

*Must reside in Geauga County. Client can only receive service from one Geauga Hunger Task Force pantry once per month. Photo I.D.: driver's license; state I.D. (Ohio); other official photo I.D. Proof of residency (one document - must be within the last 30 days): utility bill; post-marked piece of mail; OWF statement; rent receipts. Proof of family size (one for each person in the family): birth certificates; Medicaid/Medical cards; Social Security cards; school enrollment forms; immunization records; WIC papers. Each time for service, client will need Photo I.D.; first time for service or if family size/residency changed, client will also need proof of residency and proof of family size. Those picking up food for someone else will need a Photo I.D. for themselves and for the person needing food.*

*Phone for an appointment M-Th: 10:00am-2:00pm or leave a message anytime and the call will be returned (generally within 24 hrs.). Clients will need to complete forms or verify information each time they come in. Clients who are disabled may send a representative in their place.*

Chagrin Falls Park Community Center  
7060 Woodland Ave.

Burton Congregational Church  
14558 West Park

Bainbridge Twp., OH 44023  
(440) 247-6030 Voice

Burton, OH 44021

Grace Lutheran Church (Thompson)  
8091 Plank Rd.  
Thompson Twp., OH 44086  
(440) 298-3822 Voice

Christ Presbyterian Church  
12419 Chillicothe Rd.  
Chesterland, OH 44026  
(440) 729-1688 Voice

First United Methodist Church of Middlefield  
14999 South State St.  
Middlefield Village, OH 44062

Newbury United Community Church  
14916 Auburn Rd.  
Newbury Twp., OH 44065

Pilgrim Christian Church  
202 South Hambden St.  
Chardon, OH 44024

## HOUSEHOLD GOODS

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**St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
Available through any Catholic Church

*Household items and furniture. Contact your local Catholic Church for a referral.*

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habitatgeauga.org

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## HOUSING ASSISTANCE

**Geauga Metropolitan Housing Authority (GMHA)**

385 Center Street  
Chardon, OH 44024  
(440) 286-7413 – phone  
geaugamha.org

*Provides rental assistance for low to moderate income families under Section 8 housing. The housing developments are in Chardon Village, Bainbridge Township, Newbury Township and Middlefield Township.*

## LEGAL SERVICES

**Geauga County Bar Association**

(440) 286-7160 – phone  
geaugabar.org

*Attorney referral service, notary public.*

**Legal Aid Society of Lake and Geauga Counties**

(888) 817-3777

lasclev.org

*Legal advice and/or representation for most legal matters except criminal and personal injury cases. There are certain income limitations.*

**MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**

**InfantSEE**

infantsee.org

*Visit their website to find a participating optometrist who will provide a comprehensive eye assessment on any child between the ages of 6-12 months, free - regardless of income.*

**Academy of Medicine**

6000 Rockside Woods Blvd., Suite 150

Cleveland, OH 44131-2352

(216) 520-1000 – phone

(216) 520-0999 – fax

www.amcnoma.org

*This agency maintains a physician referral service, speaker's bureau, and handles complaints regarding physicians.*

**Das Deutsch Center for Special Needs Children**

14567 Madison Rd

Middlefield, OH 44062

(440) 632-1668 - phone

(440) 632-1697 – fax

ddclinic.org

*An independent, non-profit out-patient clinic serving children who have inherited, metabolic, or genetic disorders. The center focuses on Amish families, but is open to everyone who fits this special needs category.*

**Family Planning Association of Northeast Ohio, Inc.**

South Russell Medical Center

5192 Chillicothe Rd, Suite 104

Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

(440) 352-0608 – phone  
(800) 246-1645  
fpaneo.org

*Offers reproductive health services such as birth control, pregnancy, sexually transmitted disease and AIDS testing. Speaker's bureau provides education related to sexual health in the areas of AIDS prevention, contraception, and teen pregnancy.*

**Geauga County General Health District**

470 Center Street, Bldg. #8  
Chardon, OH 44024  
(440) 279-1900 – phone  
(440) 279-1950 – phone  
geaugacountyhealth.org

*Offers health services and educational programs through the departments of environmental health, nursing, and birth/death records. Services include, but are not limited to immunizations, flu shots, Well Child Clinics, WIC (Women, Infants & Children) nutrition program, Senior clinics, Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps, and the HIV prevention program.*

**HealthChek**

(440) 285-9141 – phone  
(888) 285-5665 – phone after hours  
(440) 286-6654 – fax

*HealthChek is a group of prevention and treatment services for children and teens. These services are provided through Ohio's Medicaid program. HealthChek focuses on helping all children, including those with disabilities, get and stay healthy. The services are free to all children, from birth through age 20, who are eligible for Medicaid.*

**Metzenbaum Center  
(Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities)**

8200 Cedar Road  
Chesterland, OH 44026  
(440) 729-9406 – phone  
geugadd.org

*Provides comprehensive services for developmentally disabled individuals of all ages. These services include services for kids from birth to three, adult sheltered workshop programs and residential services for developmentally disabled Geauga County residents.*

**Middlefield Amish Birthing Center**

14999 Lenny Avenue  
PO Box 1095  
Middlefield, OH 44062

(440) 632-1900 – phone

*Operates a pre-natal clinic, normal obstetric delivery and post-hospital respite care. Must be Old Order Amish and have received early pre-natal care with local physician.*

### **Poison Control Center UHHS**

Northern Ohio

(800) 222-1222 – phone

If medical emergency always dial 9-1-1

*Operates a 24-hour telephone service which provides emergency and background information regarding accidental or food poisoning. Offers information about occupational health, hazardous materials and drug interactions. Serves as the State of Ohio's designated Regional Poison Prevention and Treatment Center.*

### **Regional Infant Hearing Program**

11635 Euclid Avenue

Cleveland, Ohio 44106

(216) 325-7585 - phone

888-996-7447 (ext. 7585)

(216) 325-7685 - fax

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

*The Regional Infant Hearing Program, funded by the Ohio Department of Health, is a family-focused, outreach service for infants and toddlers who are deaf or hard of hearing. All intervention services are provided at no cost to families. RIHP's goal is to make sure that families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing receive complete information and the help they need to understand their child's hearing loss.*

### **UHHS Geauga Regional Hospital**

13207 Ravenna Road

Chardon, Ohio 44024

(440) 285-6000

[uhhospitals.org](http://uhhospitals.org)

*Provides emergency and general medical care. Services include subacute care, intermediate care, intensive care, obstetrics, outpatient/inpatient surgery, diagnostic imaging, cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, occupational therapy, physical therapy and mental health services. Community programs and health screenings available include: audiology testing, cancer screening, CPR training, Caring Workshop, childbirth and sibling classes, diabetes education, EMT and Advanced EMT Training, EMS continuing education, nutrition counseling, occupational health services, and a speaker's bureau.*

## **MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES**

### **Red Treehouse**

[redtreehouse.org](http://redtreehouse.org)



*Visit their website for connections to resources, support networks and events in your community.*

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geaugajfs.org

*JFS works hard to meet the needs of the community with many services available to families and individuals in the county: Child Support Enforcement assists families with paternity testing, absent parent locator service, and the collection, modification, and enforcement of existing court-ordered child support. Additional services are available through JFS's volunteer and community outreach program.*

**Mental Health Association in Geauga County**

11850 Mayfield Road

Chardon, Oh 44024

(440) 285-3945 – phone

(440) 285-2756 – fax

mhageauga.org

*The Mental Health Association's mission is to promote services and programs that are responsive to the mental health and chemical dependency needs of the citizens of Geauga County. Programs and services offered include: Panorama Newsletter, ParenTalk Newsletter, Teddy Bear Patrol Program, The Facilitator Newsletter, and the Very Important Kid Program.*

**Geauga Family First Council**

12480 Ravenwood Drive

Chardon, Oh 44024

(440) 285-1201 – phone

(440) 286-6654 – fax

geaugaffc.org

*The Geauga Family First Council is a collaborative of local agencies and community representatives who pool resources and work together to strengthen Geauga families. Through prevention, early intervention and the provision of services which support the entire family the Council is committed to helping remove barriers for Geauga's children. The Council has helped develop, and now funds, a wide range of community-based services which include the Help Me Grow program.*

### **United Way Services of Geauga County**

209 Center Street, Unit H  
Chardon, OH 44024  
211 – First Call for Help (within Geauga County)  
(440) 285-2261 – phone  
uwsgc.org

*A volunteer-driven organization that links, supports, and delivers health and human services to improve the quality of life in the community. Through Geauga United Way's InfoLine/ Volunteer Center direct services are provided to satisfy unmet needs.*

### **Libraries of Geauga County**

geauga.lib.oh.us

Bainbridge Library  
17222 Snyder Road  
Chagrin Falls, OH 44023  
(440) 543-5611

Chardon Library  
110 East Park Street  
Chardon OH, 44024  
(440) 285-7601

Geauga West Library  
13455 Chillicothe Road  
Chesterland OH, 44026  
(440) 729-4250

Middlefield Library  
16167 East High Street  
Middlefield OH, 44062  
(440) 632-1961

Newbury Library  
14775 Auburn Road  
Newbury OH, 44065  
(440) 564-7552

Thompson Library  
16700 Thompson Road  
Thompson, OH, 44086  
(440) 298-3831

### **Burton Public Library**

14588 West Park St.  
Burton, OH 44021  
(440) 834-4466  
Dial-A-Story: 440-834-0707  
burton.lib.oh.us

*Provides individuals and families with materials to increase knowledge and explore many ideas while entertaining.*

## **SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

### **Autism Society of Ohio/Greater Cleveland Chapter**

P.O. Box 41066  
Brecksville, OH 44141  
(216) 556-4937  
asgc.org

*Provides information about autism and other severe behavior and communication disorders. Conducts chapter meetings with guest speakers discussing autism and related topics and publishes a newsletter. Offers emotional support and information, as well as parent support groups.*

### **Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMh)**

246 N. High Street

PO Box 1603  
Columbus, OH 43216  
(614) 466-1700 – phone  
(800) 755-4769  
(614) 728-3616 – fax  
odh.ohio.gov

*State administered program providing quality health care services to children of Ohio and who have disabling or potentially disabling conditions. Provides funds for direct health service delivery, outreach, medical specialty field clinics and use of public health nurses to assist in providing comprehensive care.*

**Das Deutsch Center for Special Needs Children**

14567 Madison Rd  
Middlefield, OH 44062  
(440) 632-1668 – phone  
(440) 632-1697 – fax

*An independent, non-profit out-patient clinic serving children who have inherited, metabolic, or genetic disorders. The center focuses on Amish families, but is open to everyone who fits this special needs category.*

**Metzenbaum Center  
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**The Up Side of Downs**

theupsideofdowns.org

*Support, advocacy, education, and resources for people with Down syndrome, their families, and communities.*

**TRANSPORTATION**

**Geauga County Transit**

12555 Merritt Road  
Chardon, Oh 44024  
(888) 287-7190 – phone  
(440) 279-2150 – phone  
(440) 279-2157 – phone  
(440) 285-9476 – fax  
geugatransit.org

*This is a demand-responsive transit service. A 3-5 day notice is required and a two-week notice necessary for out-of-county hospital trips. Fees are \$6.00 each way, \$3.00 with Golden Buckeye Card or handicapped and for children ages 6-17; children ages 5 and under ride free.*

## **VETERANS AFFAIRS**

US Dept of Veterans Affairs  
Vet Center East  
5310 1/2 Warrensville Center Rd.  
Maple Hts., OH 44137  
(216) 707-7901  
va.gov

*Offers veterans assistance with obtaining benefits and determining eligibility for benefits. Processes applications for disability compensation, pension and survivors' benefits. Offers coordinators who will help minority veterans access benefits and address their special needs. Offers: evaluation/referrals; psychological/psychiatric evaluations; subject specific counseling; combat veterans reintegration, mental health education; substance abuse/assessment and/or testing.*





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**Geauga Help Me Grow**  
is a partnership between Geauga Family First Council,  
Geauga Job & Family Services, Geauga Board of DD  
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and the Ohio Family & Children First Initiative

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