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Resource Guide

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HRDC: Human Resources Development Council

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SNAP E&T – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training

- Helps SNAP recipients achieve their self-sufficiency goal by provided opportunities for work experience, education, and job retention training activities.
- Must be a SNAP recipient and obtain referral from Office of Public Assistance.

Pathways

- Designed to support individuals who are receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in their pursuit of self-sufficiency. Pathways offers opportunities for job readiness training, makes available supportive services to address client identified barriers, and provides one-on-one client advocacy.
- Must be a TANF recipient and obtain referral from Office of Public Assistance.

Best Beginnings

- Childcare cost assistance
- Recipients of the scholarship are working low-income families, working caretakers, TANF recipients, disabled parents, foster or guardianship families, and parents in high school, college or pursuing a GED.
- Must fill out an application in office, online, or call to have application mailed to you.
- Available for Big Horn, Carbon, Carter, Fallon, Golden Valley, Musselshell, Powder River, Rosebud, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Treasure, Wheatland, and Yellowstone Counties.

LIHEAP – Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program & Energy Share

- Homeowners and renters may apply.
- Assistance is based on income eligibility, housing type, heat type, number of bedrooms, and number of people residing in the household.
- Applications are available October 1 – April 30.

Weatherization

- Homeowners and renters may apply.
- Program provides energy conservation services to low-income families, to improve energy efficiency and ensure the health and safety of the household.
- LIHEAP application is also Weatherization application.

Wheels to work – designed to assist low-income individuals in several ways including gas vouchers, bus passes, and limited vehicle repairs.

- Program is available to individuals residing in Yellowstone County only
- Must have income below 125% FPL
- Must provide 30-days of income verification (earned and unearned) for each household member over 18 years old.
- Must fill out an application

Alternative Education – for individuals in pursuit of a HSE

- Available for low-income individuals 16-80+ years of age
- Provides one-on-one, self-paced instruction so you will be better prepared to complete HSE.

FDPIR – Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

- Provides a variety of healthy and nutritious foods.
- Available to all low income enrolled tribal members living on or near the Crow reservation. Also available to low-income non-enrolled tribal members and non-native people living on the reservation.
- Applications are available at the Harding HRDC office. Application can be mailed if unable to visit the office.
- Households are not allowed to participate in SNAP and Commodities program at the same time.

Emergency Solutions Grant – offers emergency assistance through Rapid Re-Housing and homeless Prevention services to address homelessness.

- Individuals or families who lack a stable and adequate nighttime residence may be eligible
- Individuals or families whose annual income is below 30% of AMI and who does not have sufficient resources or support networks immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter.
- Must meet additional eligibility criteria

Home Center – provides Financial Literacy Classes, Homebuyer Education Classes, Counseling Services, and Rental information.

- Must register for course
- No income limits

HELP-Link – Offered for recipients of Montana Medicaid and may provide training and support to help achieve goals – Employment and Training program

- Must be a recipient of Montana Medicaid
- Meet with qualified career coach to discuss and create a career plan
- Must fill out application

Harmony House/Transition in Place – transitional living program

- Eligible to homeless pregnant or parenting mothers/fathers ages 16-21 residing in the state of Montana
- Must fill out application
- Must complete 30 hours of productive time each week including HSE< high school or college classes and/or work trading programs

Youth Homeless Demonstration Project – Flexible Rapid Re-Housing program providing low barrier flexible housing with rental assistance, intensive case management, and bundled support services for homeless youth and young adults ages 18-24

- Must fill out application

Youth Employment – a comprehensive youth program for eligible youths aged 14-24 who face barriers to education, training, and employment

- Must reside in Big Horn, Carbon, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, or Yellowstone counties
- Must fill out application

Family Services

3927-3931 1st Ave. S

Billings MT 59101

406-259-2269

Billingsfamilyservice.org

Monday-Friday: 10:00am-3:00pm

Food Help – We give whatever we have available at the time.

- To be eligible you must present the following documentation:
 - Photo ID – Driver's License, Passport, Military, State or Student ID
 - Proof of Residency: Official mail postmarked in the last 60 days with your name and address listed
 - New Applicants: Number, names and ages of those in your household and last 4 digits of your Social Security Number

Rental Assistance

- To be eligible you must present the following:
 - Copy of rental agreement
 - Section 8 paperwork or eviction notice, if applicable
 - Proof of income (current pay stub, if employed, or disability/SSI verification)

Utility Assistance

- To be eligible you must present the following:
 - Shut-off notice

- Most recent bill with account number listed
- Proof of income (current pay stub, if employed, or disability/SSI verification)

Thrift Store

- Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Education for Better Employment

- Limited funding for program
- Available to anyone who would like to earn a GED or gain a certification in accounting, administrative and office management, medical specialties, web design or other skilled fields
- Inquire with intake specialist to see if program is available

Food Banks

Billings Food Bank – Senior Nutrition Program

- 2112 4th Ave. North Billings 59101
- 406-259-2856
- Applicants must apply in person
- Open 8am-noon and 1pm-3pm
- To be eligible you must present the following documentation:
 - Picture ID of person who will be picking up box
 - Proof of address (utility bill, bank statement, etc.) or Declaration of homelessness
 - Social security cards for everyone in household

Community Hope

- Limited to Laurel and surrounding communities
- 406-628-7281

Joliet Food Pantry

- Provides food to local community that is in need of a helping hand

Beartooth Cupboards

- 17th E 11th St. Red Lodge 59068
- 406-446-1255
- Available to residence of Carbon County and in need.
- Access twice each month

Bridger Community Food Bank

- 206 N D St. Bridger 59041
- 406-662-1060
- Anyone in need of food security

Harvest Hope

- Available to high school students who are food insecure
- 800 Chambers N Red Lodge 59068
- 406-446-1903

Helping Hands Food Bank (Big Horn County)

- 406-665-2997

The Center Pole

- Community Food Bank
- 3391 I90 Frontage Road, Garryowen 59031
- 406-638-2821

Project Hope of Stillwater County

- Serves residents of Stillwater County with food bank, thrift store and various outreach programs
- MWF: 9am-3pm SAT 12noon-3pm
- 406-322-8537

Reed Point Evangelical Church

- 15 S Park St Reed Point
- 406-326-2263

Absarokee Area Food Bank

- Food Bank offering emergency food and monthly food boxes to those in need
- 101 South Woodard Ave.
- 406-328-4365

Big Timber Community Food Bank

- 406-932-4070
- Mondays 12noon-4pm and First and last Fridays of the month noon-4pm

Employment Services

Vocational Rehabilitation:

- 2121 Rosebud Dr.
- Billings MT 59102
- 406-248-4801
- Ddphhs.mot.gov/detd/vocrehab
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services
 - Eligible if you have a physical or mental disability and
 - Your disability prevents you from getting or keeping a job and
 - You want to work but need VR services to help you get or keep a job or

- Your currently receive Social Security Disability income or Supplemental Security Income benefits.
 - Services include Evaluation, Career Guidance and counseling, medical or psychological Services, training, job placement assistance, rehabilitation technology, post-employment services.
- Pre-Employment Transition Services
 - Eligible is you are a student with a disability.
 - Between 14 and 21 years old
 - In high school, college, or another recognized education program
 - Services include Job Exploration Counseling, Work-Based learning experiences, Counseling on postsecondary programs, workplace readiness training, instruction in self-Advocacy.
- Bind and Low Vision Program
 - Goal – to help you retain or obtain the career of your choice
 - Services include counseling and guidance, job development, training and placement, training in adjustment to vision loss, and job site evaluations and accommodations
- Older Blind Program
 - 55 or older and visually impaired
 - Goal – to help you live more independently
 - Services include low vision evaluation, aids, and training, training in adjustment to vision loss, referral to other program.
- **Job Corps/Job Connection**
 - Must get referred through Voc. Rehab
 - For individuals with disabilities
 - Provide Job seeking services
 - If eligible for waiver program they have long term support provided.

COR Enterprises/Career Guidance Center

- 2121 Lampan Dr. Billings 59102
- 406-248-9115
- cor@coreenterprises.com
- www.coreenterprises.com
- Services offered to individuals with documented disabilities.
- Community and Facility Based Day Programs
 - Recreation and socialization opportunities
 - Community actives
 - Artistic and creative opportunities
 - Cooking classes
 - Exercise and health education
 - Music and dance
 - Volunteer opportunities
- Residential Services
 - Supported living.

- Services designed to assist individuals in acquiring, retaining and improving the self-help, socialization and adaptive skills necessary to reside successfully in home and community-based settings.
- Companion
 - Non-medical care, supervision, and socialization, provided to individuals aged 14 and older.
 - Companions may assist or supervise an individual with such tasks as meal preparation, laundry, and shopping.
 - Services are provided by persons chosen and trained by the individual and/or their family.
- Respite
 - Includes any services designed to meet the safety and daily care needs of the individual and the needs of the individual's caregiver.
 - Services are selected in collaboration with the parents and are provided by persons chosen and trained by the family.
- Life coach
 - Services aim to motivate, offer emotional support, create confidence, and to be an accountability partner for the individual.
 - Life coach educates guides, inspires, and supports the individual in developing independent living skills and reaching their full potential based upon their goals.
- Career Guidance Center
 - Individuals should have sponsorship by a public agency or an appropriate private source. DD waiver
 - Assist clients with employment who have limited experience, poor work history, or those who are in need of skill building.

Job Service of Montana

- 2121 Rosebud Dr. Billings 59102
- 406-652-3080
- M-F 8am to 5pm; W 11am to 5pm
- Clients can schedule appointments by phone.

Easter Seals/Goodwill

- 406-493-2805
- Over age 55

Foster Grandparents

- 406-237-3485
- For Low-income seniors

Senior Services

Adult Resource Alliance

- 935 Lake Elmo Dr. Billings 59102
- 406-606-1170
- 406-259-9666
- Info@AllianceYC.org
- Adult Resource Alliance offers information, referrals and services for seniors, their families, and caregivers.
 - **Meals on Wheels** – Noon meal, sponsored by the Adult Resource Alliance of Yellowstone County
 - Delivered to homebound seniors Monday through Friday in Billings, Lockwood, Laurel, and the Worden area.
 - Home delivered meals are also available in Custer on a limited basis.
 - Eligibility for meals on Wheels is determined on an individual basis.
 - Call for information.
 - **Senior Centers & Congregate Meal Sites** – Noon meal, sponsored by the Adult Resources Alliance of Yellowstone County through its Senior Dinner Program.
 - Served to persons 60 and over and their spouses at the following senior centers and meal-sites.
 - Meal reservations need to be made by noon at least one business day in advance.
 - There is a \$4 recommended donation for each meal.
 - A deli menu is also available at the Alliance meal site (1505 Ave D) Monday through Friday. No reservation required.

AARP National Headquarters

- 1-888-678-2277
- aarp.org

Medicare Part A & Part B

- 1-800-633-4227

Social Security

- 1-866-895-1795
- www.ssa.gov

Big Sky RX

- 1-406-444-1861

24 Hour Helpline for Respite Care

- 1-877-252-3053

State Health Insurance Counseling Program (SHIP)

- 1-800-551-3191

Telemarketing Fraud Unit

- 1-406-444-9405

Aging Services Help Line

- 1-800-551-3191

Big Sky Senior Services

- 1-406-259-3111

Adult Protective Services

- 1-844-277-9300

Prevention of Elder Abuse

- 1-406-896-9696

Snow Buddies (snow removal – sidewalks only)

- 406-237-6146

Caring Transitions (Senior Relocation, Downsizing, Estate Sales)

- 406-545-2500

Seniors in Transition (Moving arrangements, free need assessment)

- 406-656-7660

Transition with Care (Senior move specialist)

- 406-534-1310

Compassus (Hospice Services)

- 406-400-9920

River Stone Hospice

- 406-651-6500

St. John's United Hospice

- 406-655-5600

A Plus Health Care

- 406-245-6356

Billings Clinic Lifeline

- 406-657-4433

Billings Synergy Homecare

- 406-839-2390

Circle of Life – Soaring Eagles Homecare

- 406-665-4042

Community First Choice Personal Assistance Program

- Must be on Medicaid and meet requirements
- 406-655-7644

Companion Care

- 406-248-1559

Compassus Premier Care

- 406-294-0787

Consumer Direct Personal Care

- 406-256-7875

Home Care Services

- 406-248-4358

Home and Community Base Services/Spectrum (Medicaid waiver)

- 406-245-1014

Home Helpers

- 406-697-4954

LIFTT (Living Independently for Today and Tomorrow)

- 406-259-5181

Lincare

- 406-652-0771

North West Home Care

- 406-969-2846

Nursing by the way (In home assistance and transportation)

- 406-259-9200

Professional Nursing Personnel Pool

- 406-200-4068

Right at Home (In home care and assistance)

- 406-894-2400

RiverStone Home Health Care

- 406-651-6500

Compassus Health Care

- 406-652-8883

Senior Helping Hands

- 406-259-3111

Senior Wellness (elderly foot care)

- 406-860-4482

STEP

- 406-248-2055

Visiting Angels

- 406-794-3313

Veteran Services

Montana Veteran Affairs Division

- 406-248-8579 or 406-324-3000 or 406-324-3740

Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

- 406-443-8754

Veterans Administration Clinic

- 406-373-3500

Vet Center and Readjustment Counseling Center

- 406-657-6071

Veterans Benefits/Federal Dept. of Veterans Affairs

- 1-800-827-1000

Mental Health Services

Community Crisis Center

- 406-259-8800

Education Services

Lincoln Center Adult Education

- 406-247-3710

Housing

Home Front of Billings

- 406-245-6391

Legal Services

Legal Aid Service

- 406-869-3531