

FEELING THE ECONOMIC CRUNCH?

This year, more people than ever will need help making ends meet, including many who never expected to be on the receiving end. Knowing where to begin isn't always easy. If you or someone you know needs help, the resources below are a good place to start.



YOU CAN START WITH 2-1-1 @ IMPACT, a central 24-hour access point for assistance with family, health and social services information and referrals. 2-1-1 serves nearly 100,000 people each year. You'll speak with a community resource specialist trained to listen carefully to your needs, help assess your situation and connect you to an agency that will respond. <http://www.impactinc.org/211/211.htm>

GENERAL RESOURCES AFTER BEING LAID OFF

Guide to surviving a layoff

http://www.salary.com/careers/layouthtmls/crel_display_nocat_Ser17_Par46.html

How to deal with a job layoff

<http://articles.moneycentral.msn.com/SmartSpending/ConsumerActionGuide/how-to-deal-with-a-job-layoff.aspx>

Eight Tips on important things to do once you've lost your job

<http://www.jsonline.com/business/39174142.html>

Coping with job loss

http://careerplanning.about.com/od/jobloss/a/job_loss.htm

FINANCIAL

Aurora Family Service Consumer Credit Counseling Services

<http://www.aurorahealthcare.org/services/familysocial/index.asp>

Helps manage finances and reduce debt.

A step by step explanation of applying for Wisconsin Unemployment assistance

<http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/dwd/publications/ui/apply.htm>

Wisconsin Unemployment Insurance Benefit Services

<https://ucclaim-wi.org/InternetInitialClaims/default.asp>

How to apply, view, expand and many other answers to your questions about insurance benefits.

SEARCHING FOR A NEW JOB

Jobs that Serve

<http://epic.cuir.uwm.edu/entech/jobs/>

Jobs in the nonprofit sector

Milwaukee Job Center Network

<http://www.wisconsinjobcenter.org/directory/wdao2/1810.htm>

Milwaukee Job Search

<http://www.milwaukeejobs.com/>

Milwaukee Area Workforce

<http://www.milwaukeepic.com/jobcenter/HIREcenter.html>

HOUSING AND UTILITIES

WHEDA: Wisconsin Foreclosure Resource

<http://wisconsinforeclosureresource.com>

Homeowner's Hope-24/7 hotline

888-995-HOPE

Guide to avoiding foreclosures

<http://www.hud.gov/foreclosure/>

Help for those who want to keep their houses, refinance or other options for those who just can't afford to keep their homes.

Getting housing help in Wisconsin

<http://www.independencefirst.org/resources/Housing>

Find emergency shelters, get in contact with the Housing Authorities and other housing resources.

Emergency shelters in Milwaukee County

http://www.independencefirst.org/resources/Housing/emergency_shelters_metro_milwaukee.asp

How to get rent assistance in Milwaukee

<http://www.hacm.org/section%208%20rent%20assistance/index.htm>

Waiting list closed until 2010.

How to apply for energy assistance in Milwaukee

<http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/EnergyAssistance9970.htm>

Local agencies offer help

<http://www.todaystmj4.com/news/local/30725999.html>

Gives phone numbers for workshops and other resources.

Energy assistance and weatherization

<http://www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov>

FAMILY

Temporary assistance for families in need

<http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/SAILAODA8063/SAILProgramMHAODA.htm>

Includes the core values and an overview of the grant.

Child Care Subsidy Program

<http://dcf.wi.gov/childcare/wishares/eligibility.htm>

Helps families pay for child care.

Child Care Assistance

<http://wisconsin-child-care-assistance-program.wisconsin.aidpage.com/>

More information on the Child Care Subsidy Program.

FOOD

Demand may impact food pantries' resources. On any given day, 2-1-1 can connect you to a food pantry that can meet your needs.

AIDS Resource Center Food Pantry

820 N Plankton Ave., Milwaukee, WI (414)213-1991

All Saints Food Pantry

4060 N 26th St., Milwaukee, WI (414)875-9601

Applying for Wisconsin benefits

<https://access.wisconsin.gov/>

Access health and nutrition programs.

Bayview Community Center Food Pantry

for Zip Codes 53207, 53201, 53221, 53235
1320 E Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee, WI
(414)482-1000

Family Sharing of Ozaukee-Food Pantry

1002 Overland Ct., Grafton, WI (262)377-0634

Food Pantry of Waukesha County

215 W North St., Waukesha, WI (262)542-5300

FoodShare

http://www.hungertaskforce.org/ending_hunger/federal_nutrition_programs/food_stamps.php

Program that replaced the Food Stamp program.

Friedens Community Ministries

1220 W Vliet St., Milwaukee, WI (414)289-6030

Hunger Task Force

<http://www.hungertaskforce.org> | (414)777-0483

Mt. Zion Food Pantry

2207 N 2nd St., Milwaukee, WI (414)264-2485

New Berlin Food Pantry

14750 W Cleveland Ave., New Berlin, WI
(262)789-8040

Northcott Neighborhood Home

2460 N 6th St., Milwaukee, WI (414)372-3770

Pewaukee Food Pantry

642 Main St., Pewaukee, WI (262)691-3240

Second Harvest Food Pantry

<http://www.secondharvestwi.org> | (414)931-7400

Silver Spring Neighborhood Center

5460 N. 64th St., Milwaukee, WI (414)463-7950

St. Louis Catholic Church: St. Vincent De Paul

13207 County Road G, Caledonia, WI (262)835-2028

Sussex Food Pantry

N63W23669 Silver Spring Dr., Sussex, WI
(262)246-9860

Umos Food Pantry & Food Bank

2701 S Chase Ave., Milwaukee, WI (414)389-6300
1663 S 9th St., Milwaukee, WI (414)389-6300

HEALTH

Health Coverage Tax Credit

<http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=109915,00.html>
Helps pay for health insurance for those who qualify.

Prescription drug discount card

<http://www.familywize.org/>

Applying for Wisconsin health benefits

<https://access.wisconsin.gov/>

Free or low cost medical care in Milwaukee

http://www.independencefirst.org/resources/health_resources/free_or_low_cost_health_care_clinics.asp#1832

EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING

Learn more about United Way of Greater Milwaukee's Job Training Initiative:

<http://www.unitedwaymilwaukee.org/PDFs/Job%20Training.pdf>

Vocational schools

Columbia College of Nursing

www.ccon.edu | (414)961-3530

ITT Technical Institute

itt-tech.edu | (414)282-9494

MATC

<http://matc.edu> | (414)297-MATC

Colleges & Universities

Bryant & Stratton College

www.bryantstratton.edu | (414)276-5200

De Vry University

www.devry.edu | (414)278-7677

Marquette University

<http://www.marquette.edu> | (414)288-7250

Milwaukee School of Engineering

www.msos.edu | (414)277-7300

University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

<http://www4.uwm.edu> | (414)229-1122

Lifelong Learning Centers

Adult Learning Center

<http://www.mlkadullearningcenter.org> | (414)263-5874

Osher Lifelong Learning Center at UWM

<http://cfprod.imt.uwm.edu/sce/osher.cfm> | (414)227-3200

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer Center of Milwaukee

<http://www.volunteermilwaukee.org/welcome.php>
(414)273-7887

Project Ripple Effect

www.projectrippleeffect.com