

During this time of economic uncertainty, many families are unexpectedly struggling and may need additional financial assistance, but do not know where to go for help. Listed below are various agencies/programs that are available to eligible struggling families. This is not an exhaustive list of resources and all contact information is subject to change. If you need assistance in contacting any of these agencies/programs, or would like additional resource help, please feel free to contact me at (262) 763-0180 ext. 2217.

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+Community Resource Assistance

BadgerCare + Health Insurance is available for ALL Wisconsin children, regardless of income, along with income-eligible parents/caregivers, who are US citizens or legally residing immigrants. Applications can be done online at www.access.wi.gov, by mail through a paper application (can be found online at the below website), or in person. In Racine County, applicants can apply at the Workforce Development Center located at 1717 Taylor Avenue in Racine or contact the Wisconsin Racine-Kenosha Partnership Consortium at 1-888-794-5820 for further assistance. In Walworth County, applicants can apply at the Walworth County Health and Human Services building located at W4051 County Road NN in Elkhorn, or contact the Moraine Lakes Consortium at 1-888-446-1239 for further assistance. Visit the following website for additional information <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forwardhealth/imagency/index.htm>

Additional Health Care Information Individuals who are not eligible for BadgerCare + can visit <http://www.badgercareplus.org/> for a list of free or low cost health clinics and for information about BadgerCare + Prenatal and Emergency Services for undocumented immigrants.

Wisconsin FoodShare Program (Quest Program) helps Wisconsin families who meet income eligibility criteria purchase groceries at stores or Farmers' Markets that display a Quest sign. FoodShare is issued on a sliding scale based on the size of your household, your income, and your bills. Applications can be done online at www.access.wi.gov, by mail through a paper application (can be found online at the below website), or in person. For Racine County residents, applicants can apply at the Workforce Development Center located at 1717 Taylor Avenue in Racine or contact the Wisconsin Racine-Kenosha Partnership Consortium at 1-888-794-5820 for further assistance. In Walworth County, applicants can apply at the Walworth County Health and Human Services building located at W4051 County Road NN in Elkhorn or contact the Moraine Lakes Consortium at 1-888-446-1239 for further assistance. Visit the below website for additional information <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forwardhealth/imagency/index.htm>

Free/Reduced Breakfast/Lunch Program provides free or reduced price meals to enrolled school children. Children may qualify for free meals with family income up to 130% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Children may qualify for reduced meals with family income up to 185% of the FPL. To apply for the Free/Reduced Breakfast/Lunch Program in the Burlington Area School District, visit www.basd.k12.wi.us and click on the "Food Service" tab on the left side of the screen to print an application. Or, contact your child's school's office for an application.

Energy Assistance Program pays a portion of income eligible families' household energy bills and assists with emergency energy situations. Applications are being accepted at several satellite locations throughout Western Racine County, such as Love Inc., the Waterford Public Library, and the Rochester Public Library. Call (262) 633-6000 to schedule an appointment. In Walworth County, applications can be made in person or over the phone. Call Walworth County's Energy Assistance line at (262) 741-3337 for additional information on how to apply. Or, visit the following website for more information www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides supplemental healthy foods and referrals to health care. This program is for pregnant women/new mothers and infants/children under the age of 5 who are income eligible. Western Racine County residents should call 1-800-572-7750 for a prescreening interview and to schedule an appointment at the Western Racine County Health Department, located at 156 E. State Street in Burlington. Walworth County residents should call (262) 741-3146 to schedule an appointment at the Walworth County Department of Health and Human Services building located at W4051 County Road NN in Elkhorn. For additional information, visit the following website <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wic/>

Wisconsin Shares Child Care Assistance is a childcare subsidy program that helps income eligible families pay for some childcare costs for children under the age of 13 or a child with special needs under the age of 18. Applicants can apply online at www.access.wi.gov or by applying in person. For Racine County residents, applications are taken at the Workforce Development Center located at 1717 Taylor Avenue in Racine or call the Wisconsin Kenosha-Racine Partnership Consortium at 1-888-794-5820 for further assistance. For Walworth County residents, applications are taken at the Walworth County Health and Human Services building located at W4051 County Road NN in Elkhorn or call the Moraine Lakes Consortium at 1-888-446-1239 for further assistance. For additional information, visit the following website <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/childcare/wishares/default.htm>

Wisconsin Works (W-2) is a cash assistance program for people who have children under the age of 19 living in the home and for people who have lost their job but do not qualify for Unemployment Insurance. In Racine County, contact the Racine County Workforce Development Center at (262) 638-6500 or visit 1717 Taylor Avenue in Racine. In Walworth County, contact the Walworth County Job Service Center at (262) 723-3611.

Racine County Link Transportation is affordable transportation in Racine County with stops in Racine, Sturtevant, Union Grove, Burlington, and Waterford. The shuttle runs Monday through Friday and loops three times a day along a flexible route. Fares are \$2/one way trip, with limited door-to-door service available for \$3.50/one way trip. Call (262) 886-5321 for more information.

Impact 211 is a central access point for residents in Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Ozaukee, and Washington Counties. 211 Impact helps connect families to resources within the community, such as basic human services, medical and mental health resources, employment support services, financial and legal assistance, programs for children, youth, and families, and support for community crisis. Impact 211 can be reached online at www.impactinc.org or by dialing 1-866-211-3380.

Love Inc. is a non-profit organization with over 40 different programs dedicated to helping Western Racine County families and individuals live better, more productive lives. Love Inc. has a food pantry for income eligible families, a Monday through Friday meal site, and provides Christmas and Thanksgiving assistance, housing assistance, assistance with school supplies, jackets, and shoes, and information and referral. Love Inc. is located at 480 S. Pine Street in Burlington. Contact (262) 763-6226 for more information or visit the website of www.love-inc.net

Community Action Inc. provides crisis intervention, weatherization assistance, housing assistance, eviction counseling, emergency food programs, employment training, and support, as well as other services for Walworth County residents. Community Action Inc. is located at 1545 Hobbs Drive in Delavan. Contact (262) 728-8296 for more information or visit the website of www.community-action.org