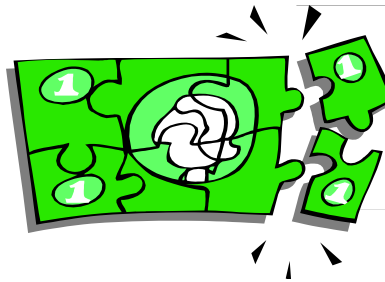




Marathon County and Portage County United Ways

Help for Hard Times...



United Way's 2-1-1 compiled this guide to help people in **Portage County** who are unemployed or struggling financially.

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Tips For Using This Guide

- ① This guide will help get you started in finding some solutions.
- ① Many programs have eligibility guidelines.
- ① Some may provide lower fees based on income.
- ① If a union represents you, contact your steward for help.
- ① Don't be afraid to ask for help from any of these programs.

Programs with * receive United Way of Portage Co. funding

Unemployment Compensation

Unemployment Insurance

.....(800)-822-5246 (Initial Claims)

.....(800) 978-7887 (Weekly Claims)

.....(800) 494-4944 (Inquiries)

Or file on line at: www.ucclaim-wi.org

Provides payments based on work in Wisconsin to eligible workers who are temporarily unemployed.

Employment

Employment Training, Placement & Search

At the Wisconsin Rapids Job Center:

- ▶ **Dislocated Worker Program.**422-4717
Helps workers transition back to employment following permanent layoff or downsizing, based upon individual need and funding availability.
- ▶ **Job Service.**.....422-5000
Or find jobs on-line at
<https://jobcenterofwisconsin.com>
Employment Search Assistance includes: résumé writing, job-seeking, and job-keeping workshops; career choice counseling, work skills assessment, apprenticeship testings, job openings listings, equal rights and labor rights information and complaint assistance, unemployment compensation information.
- ▶ **Trade Readjustment Assistance (TRA).**.....422-5000
Employment and training assistance for people eligible for Trade Readjustment/Trade Assistance due to company closing or downsizing.
- ▶ **Veterans Services.**.....422-5016
Employment/job search assistance for veterans.
- ▶ **Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR).**.....422-5050
Provides a variety of services designed to help people with disabilities reach their vocational goals and increase self-sufficiency and full inclusion in society.
- ▶ **Workforce Investment Act (WIA)**...422-5014
Provides local job-related training programs for qualifying students who are training or re-training for employment.

Academic Support Center.....342-3114

www.mstc.edu/stevenspointasc.htm

A tuition-free program designed to help adults achieve their academic and career education goals, at Mid-State Technical College.

Skills Enhancement Program *343-7104

Financial assistance with books, tuition, transportation and childcare costs related to training for people working in low-wage jobs to obtain the skills and training needed to compete for living wage jobs, through CAP Services.

Turnaround New Challenges Program...344-3063

Career exploration and job-seeking strategies for single women as well as women who have a disabled spouse, at Mid-State Technical College.

Starting Your Own Business

CAP Services Business Development...343-7141

www.vbi.biz

Four business incubators and a virtual business incubator offer resources for low-income entrepreneurs and entrepreneurs committed to hiring low-income individuals.

Central Wisconsin SCORE...384-3454 (Marshfield)

www.centralwisconsinscore.org

Working and retired executives and business owners donate their time and expertise to help current business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs, through both on-line and face-to-face counseling, advice and mentoring.

Isidore Community Development

Loan Fund.....343-7141

Micro-loan program provides small loans to farm families and other rural entrepreneurs, to start or expand small or farm-related businesses in rural areas of Wisconsin, through Community Assets for People. Applicants must have a sound business plan and demonstrated ability to repay the loan.

U.W.-Stevens Point Small Business

Development Center.....(800) 898-9472

Offers management education and counseling for anyone interested in learning to start or operate a small business.

Education

High School Equivalency

Academic Support Center.....342-3114

www.mstc.edu/stevenspointasc.htm

Life-skills instruction include study skills and GED/HSED preparation, at Mid-State Technical College.

Continuing Education

Mid-State Technical College

Continuing Education.....344-3063

Long-distance callers:(888) 575-6782

www.mstc.edu/academics/continuinged.htm

MSTC has courses, certificates, and degree programs that teach new skills essential for getting ahead or learning a whole new career. Call or log on for complete course information.

U. W. - Stevens Point
 Continuing Education.....346-3838
 Long-distance callers:(800) 898-9472
www.uwsp.edu/conted
 UWSP Continuing Education provides credit classes, certificate programs, degree completion programs, non-credit workshops and seminars, and technical training. Call or log on for complete course information.

Colleges & Universities

Mid-State Technical College.....344-3063
www.mstc.edu/stevenspoint.htm
 U.W. - Stevens Point.....346-2441
www.uwsp.edu

Financial Counseling/Budgeting

Credit Counseling Service *344-2500
 Helps clients work out a plan for paying debts and getting their money management program back on the right track, through Catholic Charities.
 Family Living Program.....346-1321
 Offers free instruction for family members to learn how to manage family finances, through U.W.-Extension.
 Financial Wellness Program
 of Portage County *346-1316
 Volunteer counselors help determine family income/ expenses, develop a spending plan, and address credit use and debt problems, through Saint Vincent de Paul, at U.W.-Extension location.
 Home and Financial
 Management Services.....345-5350
 Staff help clients establish a realistic budget and determine proper priorities in purchasing and debt repayment, through Portage County Health & Human Services.
 Local colleges may also offer consumer finance courses. Call for current schedules and fees:
 ▶ Mid-State Technical College.....344-3063
www.mstc.edu/academics/courseschedule.htm
 ▶ U.W. - Stevens Point.....346-2411
www.uwsp.edu/news/uwspcatalog/index.htm

Economic Support/Public Assistance

Portage County Health
 & Human Services.....345-5350
Find out eligibility online at:
<https://access.wisconsin.gov/>
 Public assistance programs include BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, FoodShare (formerly Food Stamps), Wisconsin Works (W-2), Wisconsin Shares (child care subsidy) and WIC (Women, Infants & Children Nutrition Program) for eligible families.

Child Care Assistance

Referrals to Child Care

Mid-Wisconsin Child Care Resource
 and Referral, Inc.342-1788
 Long distance callers:.....(866) 418-4459
www.mwccrr.org

Financial Assistance for Child Care

Wisconsin SHARES345-5350
Find out if you're eligible online at:
<https://access.wisconsin.gov/>

Sliding Fees Available

YMCA Child Care *342-2980

Housing

Emergency Shelter

The Salvation Army Hope Center *341-2437
 Emergency and Transitional Living Shelter.
 Family Crisis
 Center *343-7125 or (800) 472-3377
 Temporary shelter for domestic abuse victims and their children.

For more information about EMERGENCY SHELTER in Portage County, call:
 Emergency Services.....344-7438
 or The Salvation Army after-hours.....341-2437

Rent & Mortgage Payment Assistance

For information,
 call Emergency Services.....344-7438
 or The Salvation Army after-hours.....341-2437

Utilities Assistance

Energy Services of Portage County..... 344-5999
 Provides households with low or fixed incomes a one-time energy grant per heating season. Staff will also help negotiate settlements with fuel/utility companies, arrange emergency fuel deliveries, arrange for furnace repairs or replacements if warranted, and provide heater/ warm blankets to offset potential life threatening emergencies.
 Catholic Charities.....344-2500
 Utilities assistance and case management for eligible families in an emergency, as funds allow.

Public Benefits Program.....445-2211 (Iola)
 Long-distance callers:(800) 377-2932
 Central Wisconsin Electric Co-op customers who meet income eligibility criteria may be eligible for utility assistance. Income verification and statement of household size is required.

Weatherization

Weatherization Program.....343-7145
 Weatherization services help reduce a household's heat bill by providing measures such as attic and wall insulation, reducing air leakage, water heater conservation measures and heating system repair or replacement for qualified households, through CAP Services.

Targeted Home Performance with Energy Star.....(800) 762-7077
Residents who don't qualify for CAP Services weatherization assistance may be eligible for help through this program. For qualified applicants, Targeted Home Performance with ENERGY STAR will pay up to 90% of all costs--homeowners pay only 10%.

Community Development Block Grant Program.....343-7142 or (920) 787-3949
(Wautoma)

Low- and moderate-income households in Portage County may be eligible for 0% deferred payment loans for home repairs such as: roof work, siding, foundation repair, handicap accessibility, door and window repair or replacement, wells, septic systems, plumbing, electrical, furnace and water heater replacement, insulation, and lead hazard reduction.

Home Repair Loan and Grant Program..346-1313
Long-distance callers:(866) 474-3600
Rural Development offers low-interest home improvement loans and grants for very low income individuals who live in rural Wisconsin to upgrade roofs, furnaces, or other weatherization systems.

Foreclosure Assistance

Catholic Charities Credit Counseling Service *.....344-2500
Long-distance callers:(866) 344-2500
Catholic Charities provides assistance to households facing foreclosure through the Wisconsin Foreclosure Prevention Initiative.

Financial Stability

Website.....www.financialstability.gov
The U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Dept. of Treasury offer this website to disseminate basic information about the federal government's Foreclosure Prevention Plan.

Homeowner's HOPE™ Hotline.....(888) 995-4673
www.995hope.org/
Provides free telephone or on-line credit counseling to help consumers establish a budget and understand loan terms. Counselors can work with lenders on consumer's behalf to develop a payment plan.

Making Home Affordable Website
www.makinghomeaffordable.gov
Information about the federal government's Home Affordable Refinance Program.

Food

Food Assistance Programs

FoodShare/Food Stamps.....345-5350 (DHHS)
Find out eligibility online at:
<https://access.wisconsin.gov/>
Benefits for eligible individuals and families come as a plastic Quest Card that can be used in most grocery stores to purchase food.

WIC Women Infants and Children Nutrition Program.....345-5350
Food vouchers for the purchase of food that meets the nutritional needs of young children and their mothers, through Portage County Health & Human Services.

Food Pantries

The Salvation Army Food Pantry *341-2437
1600 Briggs St., Stevens Point
The Hope Center provides food assistance on Saturdays, 10am-1pm.

Saint Paul's Food Pantry.....344-5664
1919 Wyatt Ave., Stevens Point
Pantry at St. Paul Lutheran Church may provide assistance based on interview which shows an immediate need and plan for long term resolution. Please call ahead Monday-Thursday, 8am-2pm.

Place of Peace

Food Pantry.....345-2345 or 341-5676
1408 Ellis St., Stevens Point
Food pantry opens with advance notice, usually Thursdays at 5pm, to distribute limited amounts of food.

New Hope Community Church

Food Pantry.....457-3051
117 W. 2nd St., Junction City
Community food pantry opens on Sundays, 12:30-1pm.

Interfaith Food Pantry.....347-2689
2820 Post Rd., Plover
A full pantry that serves individuals and families in Portage County. Distributes 2-3 days worth of food on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 6-8pm.

Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.....344-7395
2700 Post Rd., Plover
Distributes donated and TEFAP foods (formerly Government Commodities) each Tuesday, 10:30-2:30pm. Low-income Portage residents may be served once/month.

Rosholt Food Pantry.....677-3180 or 677-3030
Donated food distributed to Rosholt-area residents in need on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, 3-7pm, at Rosholt Clinic Building, 247 Depot St., Rosholt.

TRACK – Tomorrow River Area

Communities Kitchen.....824-5615
293 S. Main St., Amherst
Food pantry at Peace Lutheran Church for families in need who live in the Tomorrow River School District, Monday 8-10am and Thursday 5-7pm.

Portage County Mobile Pantry.....345-5350
Delivers a supplemental supply of groceries to rural residents in need monthly.

Community Meals

The Salvation Army *341-2437
1600 Briggs St., Stevens Point
The Hope Center provides 3 community meals daily: Breakfast served 6:30-8:30am, lunch at Noon, and dinner at 5:30 pm.

Place of Peace.....345-2345
1408 Ellis St., Stevens Point
A Catholic Worker House that serves a community evening meal weekly on Thursdays at 5pm.

Food Co-Op

SHARE (Self Help and Resource Exchange).....345-5863
(leave a message)

Or, join and order online at: www.sharewi.org
Individuals buy shares for food available at discounted prices, including meats, fresh fruit and vegetables, some canned goods and staples. Distribution takes place monthly in Stevens Point, Amherst and Rosholt.

For other FOOD information, or to learn if there are resources for food vouchers, call Emergency Services.....344-7438 or The Salvation Army after-hours.....341-2437

Material Resources

Donated Goods

Emergency Services.....344-7438

Distributes material goods such as furniture, appliances and other household items, including clothing, diapers and school supplies.

Freecycle Network Website.....www.freecycle.org

Offers free membership to a local, moderated e-mail group that allows members to both donate and acquire items such as furniture, kitchen supplies or electronics.

Portage County Dressed to

Work Association.....824-5658 or 824-3669

Provides no-cost clothing, accessories, appropriate attire selection for lower income individuals who are interviewing and entering the workforce.

WINR Donated Wheels Program *498-2465

Accepts automobile donations, makes necessary repairs, and matches vehicles to qualified low-income families and individuals who require transportation because of work.

Thrift Shops

Dime and Dollar Thrift Store.....341-0562

3268 Church St., Stevens Point

Goodwill Resale Outlet.....345-0311

5373 Hwy 10 E., Stevens Point

Saint Vincent de Paul

Community Center.....344-7395

2700 Post Rd., Plover

Consignment Stores also sell pre-owned items. They are listed in the Yellow Pages under RESALE SHOPS or CONSIGNMENT SHOPS & SVCES.

Health Services

Medical & Dental Care

At Portage County Health & Human Services:

▶ BadgerCare Plus.....345-5350

Find out eligibility online at:

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

Provides health coverage for eligible Wisconsin families, through the Department of Health & Human Services. Note: Former Family Medicaid, BadgerCare and Healthy Start programs are now part of BadgerCare Plus.

▶ Community Health Clinic.....345-5350

Provides public health services for all ages, including immunizations, TB skin testing, blood pressure checks, vision and hearing screening, blood pressure checks, and blood lead screening. (Also holds clinics in Amherst and Almond).

▶ Health Plus.....345-5350

Provides discounted health care for low-income persons who are working and are uninsured. Physicians, dentists, and other health care providers who participate agree to reduce normal office fees for Health Plus participants. The program also offers prescription assistance.

▶ Wisconsin Well Woman Program.345-5775

Income-eligible women between the ages of 45 and 64 may have pap tests, pelvic exams, clinical breast exams, mammograms, and certain other health screenings.

BadgerCare Plus Core Plan

for Childless Adults.....(800) 291-2002

(Application hotline)

Find out enrollment online at:

<https://access.wisconsin.gov>

Enrolls adults who do not have dependent children into a limited plan that covers basic health care services.

Family Health/La Clinica.....(920) 787-5514

(Wautoma)

Long-distance callers:(800) 942-5330

A comprehensive Community and Migrant Health Center that provides bi-lingual (English/Spanish) medical and dental health care for underserved people in Portage County at its Wautoma location.

Family Planning Health Services, Inc....345-2929

Reproductive health care and education on a sliding fee scale.

Physician Referrals

Aspirus, Inc.....847-2380

Marshfield

Clinic.....www.marshfieldclinic.org/patients

Ministry Medical

Group.....393-3900 or www.ministryhealth.org

(click on Clinics)

Health Screenings

Public Health Intake & Referral.....345-5350

(leave a message for return call)

Public health nurses at Portage County Health & Human Services answer health-related questions, make health assessments and referrals.

Prescription Drug Assistance

FamilyWize Prescription Drug

Discount Card.....(800) 222-2818

www.familywize.org

These cards can be used to get immediate savings on prescription drugs at participating pharmacies for people who have no health insurance, during deductible periods, and for prescription medicine not covered by health insurance, Medicare and other benefit plans.

NACO Prescription

Discount Card.....(877) 321-2652

www2.caremark.com/naco/

Portage County's discount card program that helps all County residents regardless of age, income, or existing health coverage, with prescription drug costs that aren't covered by insurance.

Partnership for Prescription Assistance.....(888) 477-2669
www.PPARxWI.org
 Helps patients who lack prescription coverage get access to nearly all existing pharmaceutical patient assistance programs through a central navigation system.

Wisconsin Prescription Drug Website.....<http://drugsavings.wi.gov>
 This website gives Wisconsin citizens the ability to buy certain prescriptions at significantly lower prices directly from Canadian pharmacies that inspectors from Wisconsin have visited and found to be safe, reputable, and reliable.

Medication Assistance Program.....342-7861
 Provides medication free of charge or at a low cost to patients of Ministry Medical Group and Saint Michael's Hospital who do not have prescription coverage and who meet the financial guidelines.

NeedyMeds Website.....www.needymeds.org
 NeedyMeds is a non-profit service that connects people with low incomes to patient assistance programs, help with paperwork, discount drug cards, and government programs.

Fitness & Well-Being
Stevens Point Area YMCA *342-2980
 Offers sliding fees for income-eligible families, as well as a special free 30-day general membership pass for dislocated workers who have lost a full-time job.

Health Enhancement Center.....346-3147
 Provides opportunities for individuals to establish healthy lifestyle patterns through the free use of U. W.-Stevens Point Gyms and Multi-Activity Center.

Mental Health Services

Telephone Counseling & Crisis Intervention
Crisis Intervention

Services Hotline (24 hrs./day).....343-7125
 Long-distance callers:(800) 472-3377
 This hotline, a program of CAP Services, provides telephone or walk-in counseling and intervention for Portage County residents experiencing a mental health crisis.

Mental Health Navigator.....343-7104
 This is a program of CAP Services that helps people who feel overwhelmed or are struggling with a mental health condition. Please call for an appointment.

Sexual Assault Victims Services (24 hrs./day).....343-7125
 Long-distance callers:(800) 472-3377
 This Service, a program of CAP Services, provides emergency intervention for those affected by sexual assault or sexual abuse.

Individual, Family & Marriage Counseling
(sliding fee available)

Children's Service Society of Wisconsin *341-6672
Lutheran Social Services Outpatient Clinic.....345-1985

Ministry Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinic.....344-4611
New Life Therapy Center.....342-4180

If you are in a mental health emergency, or need to talk to a counselor right away, call the CRISIS HOTLINE at 343-7125, 24 hours a day. Long-distance callers may call toll-free: (800) 472-3377.

Support Groups
 For information, call **United Way's 2-1-1 * ...2-1-1** or (715) 848-2255
 Long-distance callers may also dial:(800) 922-5590
www.unitedwaypoco.org

Help For Addictions

Alcohol & Other Drugs
Alcoholics Anonymous.....(888) 292-6677
www.area74.org
 AA answering service which provides meeting times for local 12-step Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, both closed (for those with a desire to stop drinking) and open (anyone may attend).

Al-Anon.....(888) 425-2666
www.al-anonfamilygroups.org/
 Referrals to weekly 12-step group meetings for relatives and friends of alcoholics.

Narcotics Anonymous.....(866) 590-2651
www.wisconsinna.org/ncwa.asp
 Current information about local N.A. meeting times and places.

Portage County Careline.....345-5959
 Call Careline Monday – Friday, 8am-3pm, to talk to a certified alcohol and drug counselor about any AODA issue or receive information on resources available.

Alcohol Inpatient and Medical Detox Service.....345-5350
 Screening and referrals for alcohol inpatient services, and medical detoxification services, for people who have a limited ability to pay, through Portage County Health & Human Services and Saint Michael's Hospital.

Ministry Behavioral Health.....344-4611
 AODA services for chemically dependent people and their families, including mental health counseling, intensive outpatient (day treatment) and continuing care support.

Women For Sobriety.....345-0711
www.womenforsobriety.org
 Recovery program for women with addiction problems.

Smoking & Tobacco Use
Wisconsin Tobacco Quit Line.....(800) 784-8669
www.ctri.wisc.edu/quitline2.html
 Free telephone counseling, information and referral for tobacco users who want to quit.

Gambling

Wisconsin Council
on Problem Gambling.....(800) 426-2535
www.wi-problemgamblers.org
Information and referral for compulsive gamblers and
their loved ones.

Gamblers Anonymous.....581-3077
Weekly meetings provide self-help and support for
people to overcome gambling, at St. Paul's United
Methodist Church in Stevens Point.

For information about mental health counseling
for ADDICTIONS on a sliding-fee basis, call:
United Way's 2-1-1 *2-1-1 or 848-2255
Long-distance callers may also dial:(800) 922-5590
www.unitedwaypoco.org

Legal Services

Free Legal Aid

Portage County Legal Aid Society.....343-7100
Legal aid office for low-income residents.
Wisconsin Judicare.....(800) 472-1638
Legal aid office in Wausau serves low-income Portage
County residents.
Justiceworks, Ltd.....344-3677
A volunteer network of Portage County residents
coordinates services that help secure right relationships
between victims, offenders and their communities.

Lawyer Referral

Lawyer Referral &
Information Services.....(800) 362-9082
www.legalexplorer.com
Legal hotline and lawyer referral through the State Bar of
Wisconsin.

Labor Laws & Standards

Equal Rights Division (Wisconsin Dept. of
Workforce Development).....(608) 266-6860 (Madison)
www.dwd.state.wi.us/er/equal_rights_division/
Administers Wisconsin's Fair Employment Law, which
prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis
of ancestry, color, creed, national origin, race, sex,
disability, arrest or conviction record, age (40 and older),
marital status, sexual orientation, use of lawful products
or membership in the military reserve.

Wage/Hour Division

(U. S. Dept. of Labor).....(866) 487-9243
(National Helpline)
www.dol.gov/esa/whd
Administers and enforces Federal labor laws, including
minimum wage, overtime, Family and Medical Leave Act,
and Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection
Act.

Public Transportation

Stevens Point Transit.....341-4490
City bus service in the Greater Stevens Point metro area
(Stevens Point, Whiting, Park Ridge, Crossroads
Commons/Plover.)

Point Plus Paratransit Service.....341-2000
Pre-arranged door-to-door service for people in the
Greater Stevens Point metro area (Stevens Point,
Whiting, Park Ridge, Crossroads Commons/Plover) who
are unable to use the fixed route bus system due to a
physical or cognitive disability.

For other TRANSPORTATION information,
call: United Way's 2-1-1 *2-1-1 or 848-2255
Long-distance callers may also dial:(800) 922-5590
www.unitedwaypoco.org

Special Populations

Veterans

Portage County Veterans Service.....346-1310
Or apply for V.A. benefits online at:
www.va.gov/onlineapps.htm
Provides information, counseling and assistance in
obtaining state and federal veterans benefits and
entitlements.
Veterans Services.....422-5016
Employment/job search assistance for veterans, at The
Wisconsin Rapids Job Center.
Disabled American Veterans Van.....346-1401
Volunteer drivers transport veterans to medical
appointments at V. A. facilities. Please call to schedule.
Veterans Administration Clinics....(608) 372-3971
(Must call Tomah in advance to enroll)
Provides primary medical care for Portage County
veterans at the Wausau and the Wisconsin Rapids
locations.

Military Families

Army Community
Service.....(800) 982-3585 Ext. 3505
www.mccoymwr.com/Family/ACS.htm
Services at Fort McCoy for Army families include unit/
soldier support, family advocacy, and information about
deployment/mobilization, relocation, employment, and
financial readiness.
Family Assistance Center.....(800) 292-9464
www.wingfam.org
A Military Family Liaison focuses on getting military
families whose loved ones are deployed overseas
information on entitlements and benefits available to
them and providing referrals for assistance.
Service to the Armed Forces.....344-4052
American Red Cross is the contact point for emergency
financial assistance for active duty military, their spouses
and children. A duty worker is available 24 hours/day.
Military OneSource.....(800) 342-9647
www.militaryonesource.com
Helps active duty, Reserve, and National Guard military
personnel and their families, as well as deployed civilians
and their families, find help with: child care or elder care,
personal finances, emotional support during
deployments, relocation information, or other resources
needed for special circumstances.

Operation Homefront.....(800) 390-4643

www.operationhomefront.net

Provides emergency assistance to our troops, to the families they leave behind and to wounded warriors when they return home, including help with: auto repair, disaster relief, home & appliance repair, food assistance, vision care, financial assistance, furniture & household items, moving assistance.

Stevens Point Area YMCA *342-2980

The YMCA offers free memberships for local families of deployed military.

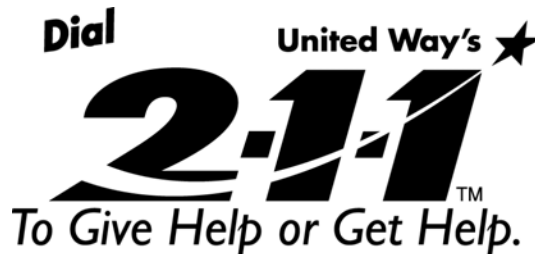
For information about resource for people with disabilities, senior citizens, or other SPECIAL POPULATIONS,

call: United Way's 2-1-1 *2-1-1 or 848-2255

Long-distance callers may also dial:(800) 922-5590

www.unitedwaypoco.org

We're here any time you don't know where to turn for help.



(715) 848-2255 or (800) 922-5590

Free & Confidential

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

The United Way of Marathon County, with funding from the United Way of Portage County, provides this free and confidential Information & Referral program so that Portage County residents can find out where to turn to give or get help.

Get Help

When you need information about community services, or are looking for help with a personal or family matter, United Way's 2-1-1 will answer your questions about what's available, who to contact for the details you want, and how to take the next step toward solving your problems or meeting your needs. Need Help? Call 2-1-1.

~or~

search online at: www.unitedwaypoco.org

- ▶ Click on the 2-1-1 logo, then **Search Online**.
- ▶ Click on the first Letter of your Subject for example: **T** for **TENANT/LANDLORD INFORMATION**, **P** for **PARENTS OF TEENS**, or **C** for **CONSUMER PROTECTION**
- ▶ Click on **Subject** to see Programs Names
- ▶ Click each **Program Name** to see service information.

Give Help

When you want to help others, United Way's 2-1-1 can link you with the opportunity that suits you best. Want to volunteer to serve a meal, support grieving families, help out in a disaster? Want to donate to a program that helps abused children or homeless families? Want to Give Help? Call 2-1-1.

~or~

search online at: www.volunteersrock.org

- ▶ Under Find a Volunteer Opportunity, click at **Search On-line** to find opportunities that match your interests, skills, and schedule
- ▶ Or click at **GoodsMatch** to post your Donated Item online.

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