



**AUGUST
2021**

Hello Doug,

Check out this month's Connection to Community Resources

- **2021-22 School Year** - Educational Benefits, P-EBT School Supplies, Early Childhood Screening
- **Renter Resources** - rental assistance, legal, landlords
- **Emergency Broadband Benefit** - up to \$50 per month for a limited time.
- **Energy Assistance** - Sept 1st Deadline
- **COVID-19- Vaccines & Testing & Masks**
- **Food Resources** - VEAP, Summer Meals for kids
- **Fall Youth Registrations** - Sign up dates, financial assistance
- **Financial Wellness**- Free workshops
- **Now Hiring!**
- **Upcoming Events**

If you have a resource you would like featured in an upcoming newsletter or would like to connect regarding your specific situation, please let me know.

Have great end of the summer!

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EDINA SCHOOLS 2021-22

EDINA FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

AUGUST 30 - GRADES 1-12

AUGUST 31 - KINDERGARTEN

SEPT 8 - ELC/ECSE

**FAMILY BACK TO SCHOOL
HANDBOOK**- go to place for all the
information about the new school year.

Edina Schools Open House

Concord Aug 26 7:30-9:00am
Cornelia Aug 27 8:30-10:00am
Countryside Aug 26 4:00-6:00pm
Creek Valley Aug 26 8:00-9:30am
Highlands Aug 26 4:00-5:30pm
Normandale Aug 26 8:00-9:30am (K)

Get Connect Days

South View Aug 24 11:00- 7:00pm
Valley View Aug 18 8:30-12pm/ 1-5:30pm
EHS Aug 26 12:00-6:30pm



School Supplies for Edina Students

Find your School Supply List for 2021-22

[Concord Cornelia Countryside](#)
[Creek Valley Highlands Normandale](#)
[South View Valley View Edina High School](#)

Any family who needs assistance getting a backpack/ school supplies can connect with their school social worker.

Thank you VEAP for collecting supplies for Edina Students.



Apply for Educational Benefits

MDE Educational Benefit Applications are now available for the 2021-22. (formally known as Free & Reduced Lunch/Breakfast)

[Edina Public Schools](#)
[Richfield Public Schools](#)
[Hopkins Public Schools](#)

Families approved for Education Benefits qualify for free ACT testing; participation in College Possible program; college scholarships; some government benefits; and discounts for things such as Comcast internet service, and tickets to various museums.

Breakfast/Lunch will be free for all students during the 2021-22 School Year. Families are still strongly encouraged to complete the Educational Benefit Application to be eligible for other programs.

If you are approved by Sept 3, you will also qualify for summer P-EBT benefits. You would receive \$430 per student to pay for groceries.

Early Childhood SCREENING



Early Childhood Screening

Early Screening is used to help check a child's development and health while getting connected to early childhood programs. Screening is required before beginning Kindergarten and is available starting at age 3 year.

[Learn More and Make an Appointment](#)

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH - FALL 2021

Fall Activities

Children & Youth Sports & Activities in Edina
[PDF with registration dates/links](#)

Edina Community Ed Enrichment Classes

Financial Support

Needs-based assistance is available to participate in various youth programs in Edina.

Edina Community Ed

Financial Aid Application for 2021-22 School Year (available Aug 13)

Registration opens August 17

[Register Here](#)

Edina Parks & Rec

Registration opens Aug 23 for residents and Aug 25 for non-residents

[Register Here](#)

EHS Fall Programs

[Register Here](#)

[Edina Connect Card](#)

Edina Parks & Rec Camps & Classes and various Athletic Associations. Cards must be renewed every 2 years.

[Edina Give & Go](#)

Up to \$500 during the school year for Edina K-12 students to participate in Athletics, Arts or Academic offerings.

RENTER RESOURCES

[RENT HELP MN.ORG](#)

COVID19- Rental Assistance- Applications are now open for those with Past Rent Due or Past Utilities Due. Up to 15 months of assistance is available.

If you meet all of the follow, you are invited to [apply now](#) for rental/utility assistance.

- Are you a renter living in Minnesota?
- Are you qualified for unemployment insurance? OR, Have you been negatively impacted by COVID-19 in any way?
- Do you have past rent due?
- Do you know the annual income of all adults in your household.
- To be eligible you must meet **80% AMI** [Hennepin county: 4-person HH- \$79,900] [AMI chart by county](#)

Households who are current on their rent payments and need help with future rent will able to apply later.

RENTERS: APPLY HERE

LANDLORDS: REGISTER HERE

80% AMI Chart

RENT HELP MN

Rent Help Navigators available on-site at VEAP Wednesdays & Fridays 10am-4:30pm

Navigators from African Women and Youth Resource Center will help community members apply for rental assistance, offering support in English, Somali and Spanish.

[Learn More](#)

ZERO BALANCE PROJECT

Hennepin County landlords who have tenants behind on rent, can help their tenants apply for rental assistance through the Zero Balance Project. If a resident has already started their [renthelpmn.org](#) application, please complete that application before apply for the Zero Balance Project.

[LANDLORD's APPLY HERE](#)

HOME LINE

HOME Line tenant hotline provides renters throughout Minnesota with free, confidential legal information regarding their rights as tenants. Webinar recording available.

homelinemn.org

English: 612-728-5767

Para Espanol: 612-255-8870

Af- Soomaali wac 612-255-8860

Hai lus Hmoob, Hub 612-255-7104

[Email an Attorney](#)

[Executive Orders on Evictions & COVID19](#)

Learn about the eviction moratorium phaseout in Minnesota

EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT



The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program that provides a temporary discount on monthly broadband bills for qualifying households. Consumers should visit getemergencybroadband.org or call the toll free number 833-511-0311 specifically for information about the application.

A Household is eligible if one household member meets any of the criteria below:

- Income at or below 135% of poverty or participates in certain assistance programs like SNAP, Medicaid or Lifeline
- Approved to receive benefit under the Free & Reduce Lunch/Breakfast program in 2019-20 or 2020-21 school year.
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year
- Experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020 and the household had a total income in 2020 at or below \$99,000 for single filers and \$198,000 for joint filer
- **OR** meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE- DUE SEPT 1

Energy Assistance Program (Renters & Homeowners)

If you need help paying your energy bills and want to prevent a shut off..... The Energy Assistance Program can help you pay energy costs-- such as a heating bill-- **deadline to apply is extended to Sept 1**

If you qualify, you could receive a grant to cover up to \$1,200 in energy expenses. This grant is paid directly to your energy provider, to reduce your energy bill.

If you live in Hennepin County, **Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County** can assist you with your application.

[Click here to Apply & for more Info.](#) OR call 952-930-3541 for an application.

2020-21 Energy Assistance		
Based on your 3 most recent months of income		
Household Size	3 Month Max Income*	Yearly Income
1	\$8,479	\$33,918
2	\$11,088	\$44,355
3	\$13,697	\$54,791
4	\$16,307	\$65,228
5	\$18,916	\$75,664
6	\$21,525	\$86,101
April 16, 2021 60% AMI		

COVID -19: VACCINES & TESTING & MASKS



VACCINES

Vaccines are now available for everyone Ages 12 and older

[MN Vaccine Connector](#)
833-431-2053

[Bloomington Public Health](#)

[Hennepin County Vaccine Clinic](#)

[Pharmacies](#)
[VaccineSpotter.org/MN](#)

Click on links to Register for an appointment, find a walk-in or call your health provider

[\\$100 VISA Gift Card Incentive](#)



COVID-19 TESTING

Anyone with symptoms should continue to get tested and follow state guidance on isolation/quarantine and masking. Many testing sites require an appointment.

[Order an At-Home Test](#)

[Community Test Sites](#)
MSP Airport Terminal 1
Brooklyn Park

[Find Test Locations](#)



MASKS

Masks are required for all persons on airplanes and buses. Local laws or business may also require masks.

Fully vaccinated Minnesotans should [follow CDC guidance](#), which recommends wearing a mask in public indoor setting in substantial or high transmission.

FOOD RESOURCES



VEAP Food Pantry

Fresh produce, perishables and food items of your preference. Drive-up model is currently used. You are welcome to visit twice per month. Call **952-888-9616** for an appointment



Free Summer Meals- ends soon

[Richfield Public Schools](#)
Serving anyone 18 and under
Richfield High School
Wednesdays Aug 11, 18, 25
11am-1pm / 4pm-6pm
*you do not need to be a student in Richfield



Loaves & Fishes

Meals To-Go are available to anyone in need. Locations are available throughout the metro area including Richfield, St Louis Park and Bloomington.

Find a dining site here.
loavesandfishesmn.org/dining-sites/

VEAP Mobile Pantry- open to everyone. Find a location near you. veap.org/events/
Yorktown Continental Apts
2nd Thursday of each month
2pm-4pm

[Hopkins Public Schools](#)
Breakfast & Lunch served Mon-
Thurs until Aug 12



FARE FOR ALL
Food that Makes Cents

FARE FOR ALL
Open to everyone. Purchase packs of frozen meats, fresh fruits & vegetables & special buys (\$10-\$30).
763-450-3880

fareforall.thefoodgroupmn.org/



HUNGER SOLUTIONS
Winning Minnesota's Food Fight
Search for nearby food resources including food shelves, farmers markers, senior discounts and community food distributions
hungersolutions.org/find-help/



Edina Farmer's Market
Thursdays 3:00pm-7:00pm
ends Sept 30
Centennial Lakes Park
[Learn More](#)

FINANCIAL WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County (CAP-HC) is offering a free financial wellness workshops for community members

2-NIGHT FINANCIAL WELLNESS CLASS

Utilizing the FDIC Money Smart curriculum, we will cover a variety of topics, including budgeting basics, money management, how to access and understand your credit report, how to manage your credit history and debt, and how to protect your identity and assets. Registration required

2- Night Sessions (Tuesday/Wednesday)

August 30 & 31 | 5:00pm-9:30pm [Register Here](#)

Sept 14 & 15 | 5:00pm-9:30pm [Register Here](#)

Special Offer:
When you attend both classes in our 2-night Financial Wellness series, you will receive a \$25 supermarket gift card!

Learn More and Register for the Free CAP-HC Workshops at
caphennepin.org/what-we-do/financial-services.html

PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS

Seeking Parent Input on your Child's Mental Health Journey

We need Hennepin County parents and caregivers to [share their story](#) about your child's mental health journey!! The Hennepin County Children's Mental Health Collaborative is interviewing parents and caregivers to help us improve the mental health system --a gift card is available for qualifying participants. Interviews can be conducted in multiple languages. [Learn More and Register Here!](#)

Parent Catalyst Leadership Group (PCLG)

Join PCLG parents and other caregivers for this casual gathering, where we will discuss the ups and downs of raising kids with mental health concerns.

Let's Talk about Series will meet in person, **August 17 6:30-8pm** at Wolfe Center Park Building, 3700 Monterey Drive in St. Louis Park. Participation is Free.

[Learn More & register here](#)

Look for the PCLG at the MN State Fair - Mental Health Day on August 30

NOW HIRING



KIDS CLUB Rec Leaders
Supervise and work with youth in the afterschool care program. Assist in planning activities.

Apply today at [EdinaSchools.org](https://www.edinaschools.org)



Drop In Case Manager
Work with Youth 16-24 and help with intake, assessment, crisis intervention, and resource referral, as well as basic awareness building of Oasis' services

[Learn more](#)



Bus Drivers
Hiring Hourly Bus Drivers to transport transports students safely and courteously.

Apply today at [EdinaSchools.org](https://www.edinaschools.org)

Virtual Hiring Event,

August 18 1:00-2:00pm

More than 30 employers are hiring in a variety of fields and positions. Hosted by Hennepin County.

[Learn More](#)

[Resources for Job Seekers](#) [Apply for Unemployment Benefits](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 14: Rent Help Navigator Assistance

Rent Help Navigators available on-site at VEAP

Wednesdays & Fridays 10am-4:30pm Now through Sept 29

Navigators from African Women and Youth Resource Center will help community members apply for rental assistance, offering support in English, Somali and Spanish.

[Learn More](#)

August 17: BAND TOGETHER

Join the Edina Education Fund for an outdoor concert event benefiting the Heal Together EPS Mental Health Campaign!

[Learn More](#)

Sept 11 &12: Edina Fall Into the Arts Festival

Centennial Lakes Parks

[Learn More](#)

Nov 2: School Board Election- Edina Public Schools

Elect 4 EPS School Board Members

[Learn More](#)

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