



Connection to Community Resources

OCTOBER 2021

Check out this month's Connection to Community Resources

- **Financial Supports**- child tax credit, auto insurance, broadband, energy assistance, workshops
- **Health & wellness**- Flu Shots, COVID-19 vaccines/testing, Mental Health surveys (\$),workshops
- **Food Resources**- VEAP, Loaves & Fishes, Fare for All, weekend packs
- **Renters/Homeowners**- Rent Help, Mortgage help
- **Donate**- bikes & winter coats
- **Now Hiring**
- **Children & Youth**- activities, educational benefits, winter gear/clothing, early childhood screening
- **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.

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FINANCIAL SUPPORTS

Advance Child Tax Credit Payments

A new IRS tool helps eligible families who receive little or no income submit the information needed to get advance payments. Please visit the [IRS page](#) for more information.

Haven't received a Child Tax Credit payment or want to stop an advance payment? Visit the portal to Manage your advanced payments: www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/child-tax-credit-update-portal

Auto Insurance Payment Assistance

If you live in Hennepin County, have experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19, have income below 200% poverty guidelines and have a difficulty making payments on your auto insurance, you may be eligible for up to 6 months in auto insurance payment assistance. Learn More at: <https://caphennepin.org/what-we-do/auto-insurance-assistance.html>

Emergency Broadband Benefit Program

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.

Note: If you are approved for Educational Benefits you qualify!



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 up to \$1,200 in energy expenses-- such as a heating bill. 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.

2021-22 Energy Assistance Program Income Guidelines	
Household Size	Maximum 3 month Income
1	\$8,809
2	\$11,520
3	\$14,230
4	\$16,941
5	\$19,651
6	\$22,362
7	\$22,870
8	\$23,378

Based on your 3 most recent months of income

Financial Workshops

MN Financial Planning Days

October 4 - October 9

Free one-on-one financial consultations with a certified financial planner plus a series of on-demand [informative videos](#) available; presented by top financial planners on a wide range of financial topics. [Register for one-on-one consultation](#) In-person sessions will be held on Sat. Oct 9.

fpamn.org/financial-professionals/financialplanningday/

Homestretch Workshop

Homestretch Workshops can help you determine readiness, make a plan to get there, and prepare for homeownership. Hosted by Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County \$40.00 per household. Upon completion of the workshop you will receive your Homestretch Certificate. Some lenders require a Homestretch Certificate.

2- 4 hour class (Saturday/Sunday)

Oct 23 & 24 | 9:00am-1:30pm [Register Here](#)

2-Night Financial Wellness Class

Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County is hosting Free Financial Wellness Classes. Utilizing the FDIC Money Smart curriculum, topics include 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 (Monday/Tuesday)

Oct 11 & 12 | 5:00pm-9:30pm [Register Here](#)

Oct 25 & 26 | 5:00pm-9:30pm [Register Here](#)

Nov 15 & 16 | 5:00pm-9:30pm [Register Here](#)

When you attend both classes in our 2-night Financial Wellness series, you will receive a \$25 supermarket gift card! <https://caphennepin.org/what-we-do/financial-wellness.html>

HEALTH & WELLNESS

FLU SHOTS

Flu Shots are recommended each year for anyone 6 months and older. Flu Shots are available at:

*Health Provider

*Pharmacy

*Bloomington Public Health: prepmo.health.state.mn.us/

COVID-19 VACCINES

COVID19 Vaccines are now available for everyone Ages 12 and older. Register for an appointment using the link below, find a walk-in or call your health provide. Learn more about Booster Shots

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

[Bloomington Public Health](#)

[Hennepin County Vaccine Clinic](#)

[Pharmacies](#)

VaccineSpotter.org/MN



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 / Minneapolis Convention Center / Bloomington- former DMV site

[Find Test Locations](#)



Testing remains important.
For Everyone.

Vaccinated + Unvaccinated.

STAY SAFE MN

Mental Health

Seeking Parent Input on your Child's Mental Health Journey

The Hennepin County Children's Mental Health Collaborative (HCCMHC) is interviewing parents and caregivers to have them share their story and experiences accessing mental health support for their child. Your experiences will 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!](#)

Let Your Voice be heard!

Hennepin County is seeking parents and caregivers interested in sharing thoughts on children's mental health. There is a special survey link for youth 14-21 to share their own thoughts. Your responses will shape how we improve children's mental health care and experiences in the future. Earn a \$15 gift card for participating in the survey.

Parents/Caregivers Survey: <https://bit.ly/3Afxuje>

Youth Survey (14-21): <https://bit.ly/3iwuvN8>

Finding Strength through Resilience

Twin Cities Jewish Community Virtual 21st Annual Conference on Mental Health

Featured presenters will explore the topics of Grief, Post Traumatic Stress, Politics and Mental Health, and Talking with Children about the issues of our time.

October 17 2021 9am-2:30pm

[Register here](#)

Let's Talk About: Supporting Children with Mental Health Needs at School

Speaker: Renelle Nelson, PACER Center.

October 19, 2021 7:00-8:30 pm

[Register here for Online link](#)

Free event hosted by the Parent Catalyst Leadership Group (PCLG)

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

VEAP Mobile Pantry- open to everyone. Find a location near you. veap.org/events/

Yorktown Continental Apts
2nd Thursday of each month
2pm-4pm



Weekend Food Bags for Edina Students

If your family is seeking food support over the weekend, connect with your school social worker to learn about your site's food program.

Depending your school, food is provided by Every Meal or VEAP



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/



FARE FOR ALL

Open to everyone. Purchase packs of frozen meats, fresh fruits & vegetables & special buys (\$10-\$30).

Holiday packs in Nov/Dec

763-450-3880

fareforall.thefoodgroupmn.org/



HUNGER SOLUTIONS

Search for nearby food resources including food shelves, farmers markets, senior discounts and community food distributions

hungersolutions.org/find-help/

RENTER / HOMEOWNER RESOURCES

RENT HELP MN.ORG

COVID19- Rental Assistance- Applications are now open for those with Past Rent Due or Past Utilities

RENT HELP NAVIGATORS

Wednesdays & Fridays
10am-4:30pm

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](#)

VEAP- 9600 Aldrich Ave, Bloomington

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](#)



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

HOME LINE

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

612-728-5767

Para Espanol: 612-255-8870

Af- Soomaali wac 612-255-8860

Hai lus Hmoob, Hub 612-255-7104

homelinemn.org

[Email an Attorney](#)

MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE

Hennepin Homeownership Preservation Program (HHPP) provides support to homeowners in Hennepin County who are past due on their mortgage or other housing expenses. HHPP offers foreclosure prevention advising and limited financial assistance. Not all homeowners will qualify for financial assistance. To determine if you are eligible for HHPP, please complete the [eligibility form](#) or call 651-236-8952 for assistance.

hocmn.org/hennepinhpp/

ZERO BALANCE PROJECT- LANDLORDS

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 applying for the Zero Balance Project.

[LANDLORD'S APPLY HERE](#)

NOW HIRING



Van Driver

Help the littlest learners get to and from preschool by driving a Van for the Early Learning Center

[Learn more](#)

KIDS CLUB Rec Leaders

Supervise and work with youth in the afterschool care program. Assist in planning activities.

Apply today at EdinaSchools.org



Snow Removal -seasonal contractors

Earn \$20 per hour clearing snow from driveways and sidewalks of senior citizen's homes. Must commit to the entire winter season.

[Learn more and apply](#)



Bus Drivers

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

Apply today at EdinaSchools.org

Virtual Hiring Event,

October 20, 1-2pm

More than 20 employers are hiring in a variety of fields and positions. Hosted by Hennepin County.

[Learn More](#)

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

CHILDREN & YOUTH

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.

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](#)



Weekend Food & Winter Coats

If your family would benefit from receiving weekend food packs, please connect with your school social worker to learn about your school's weekend food program provided by community partners Every Meal or VEAP.

If you are seeking help with clothing resources and winter gear (coats, boots and more) please connect with a social workers or the ERC for referral to Mercy Closet.



Fall Activity Registration

[Children & Youth Sports & Activities in Edina PDF](#)

[Edina Community Ed Enrichment Classes](#)

[Edina Parks & Recreation](#)

[EHS Fall Programs](#)

Needs-based Financial Supports

[Edina Community Ed](#)

[Edina Connect Card](#)

[Edina Give & Go](#)



DONATE BIKES & WINTER COATS

Free Bikes 4 Kidz- donate day Sat. October 9 9am-1pm

Donate a gently used or new bike at an

[Allina Health location](#)

7373 France Ave S

Centennial Lakes Medical Center,

Edina, MN 55435

Mercy Closet

Now collecting heavy winter coats, snow pants and boots, plus winter clothing. (At this time clothing for high school girls is not needed)

Bring donations Thursdays and Fridays 7am-5pm
to Mercy Commons - back door
4201 W. 50th in Edina

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 12: EPS School Board Candidate Forum

Edina Community Center Room 348 enter door 3

Hosted by Edina Parent Leadership Council

9:30am-11:30am

[Learn More](#)

Oct 14: VEAP Mobile Food Pantry

Yorktown Continental Apartments 7151 York Ave S, Edina

2pm-4pm or until food runs out. All are welcome

[Learn More](#)

Oct 16-17 & Oct 23 & 24: Buckthorn Removal Drop-site

Braemar Golf Dome, 7420 Braemar Blvd.

Oct 16 & 23 8am-4pm and Oct 17 & 24 Noon-4pm.

[Learn More](#)

Oct 20: Racism and the Economy: Focus on the Wealth Divide

Examining how racialized barriers to wealth accumulation deny families and communities long-term economic mobility and financial resiliency. Hosted by 12 Regional Federal Reserve Banks
11am-1pm

[Learn More](#)

Oct 23-25: Book Sale by Friends of the Edina Library

5280 Grandview Square

Sat. Oct 23 9am-5pm Sun. Oct 24 12pm-5pm

Mon. Oct 25 12-8pm (\$5 a Bag Sale) Tues. Oct 26 Free Day- Bring your own bag

[Learn More](#)

Oct 25: EPS School Board Candidate Forum

Livestreamed

hosted by EHS Debate Team

6:00pm-8:00pm

[Learn More](#)

Oct 25: Concert for a Cause

Edina High School Fick Auditorium

7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Featuring Edina High School Concert Band, Charles Lazarus, Tommy Barbarella and vocalist Tonia Hughes Kendrick! Presented by CircleRock Concerts for Community. Proceeds benefit [mental health services](#) at The Family Partnership.

[Learn More](#)

Oct 27: VEAP's Virtual Gala

Virtual 7:00pm

[Learn More](#)

Oct 28: HalloBoo Trick or Treat Trail

Open for kids up to age 12 registration required

[Register Here](#)

Nov 2: Election Day / No School Edina

Elect 4 EPS School Board Members

[Learn More](#)

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