



Connection to Community Resources

March 2022

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Check out the March **Connection to Community Resources** with information on:

- **Scholarship drawing for kids 5-11**
- **Tax Prep Assistance**
- **Children's Mental Health**
- **Community Events- food drives, fundraisers, fun activities for families**
- **Summer Activities for Youth**
- **Transportation & Food Resources**

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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Happening Now

KIDS DESERVE A SHOT- SCHOLARSHIP DRAWING

A Minnesotans ages 5-11 who have been vaccinated (both doses by April 11) are eligible to register for a \$100,000 college scholarship drawing.

[Official Rules](#)

Registration deadline: April 11

<https://vax-reward.web.health.state.mn.us/?lang=en>



Tax Prep Assistance Programs



Prepare + Prosper

Free Tax Prep services for Individuals making less than \$35,000 and Families making less than \$55,000. Appointments are limited.

<https://prepareandprosper.org/>

Do It Yourself Tax Prep is for those who make \$73,000 or less.
<https://prepareandprosper.org/do-it-yourself-tax-prep/>



Community Action
Partnership of Hennepin County

CAP-HC TAX FILING

CAP-HC provides free tax assistance to income-eligible individuals and families who live in Hennepin County through April 14, 2022.

- Single households with annual income of \$35,000 or less
- Families with dependents annual income of \$58,000 or less
- Persons with disabilities
- Limited English-speaking taxpayers

<https://caphennepin.org/what-we-do/tax-assistance.html>



CHILD RELATED TAX CREDITS

[Earned Income Tax Credit](#)

[Child Tax Credit](#)
[Advance Child Tax Credit](#)

[Child & Dependent Care Credit](#)
(expanded in 2021!)

You may be eligible for some credits even if you do not make enough to file taxes.

Teacher of Year Nominations

Edina Chamber is seeking Edina Teacher and Team Teacher nominations for the Annual Teacher of the Year award. Nominations are due March 31. Anyone can submit and nomination.

<https://www.edinachamber.com/form/view/19319>

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

Creating a Better Mental Health System

March 29, 2022

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Hennepin County Children's Mental Health Collaborative is hosting an online community dialogue with families, providers, and community stakeholders about the children's mental health system in Hennepin County.

Join us to hear what we learned from our series of in-depth interviews conducted with parents, as well as our compilation of other community data and service offerings - then help shape recommendations.

Parent, provider, school personnel and community participation is encouraged.

[Register Here: https://hccmhc.com/cmhcs-monthly-e-newsletter-march-2022/#section2](https://hccmhc.com/cmhcs-monthly-e-newsletter-march-2022/#section2)

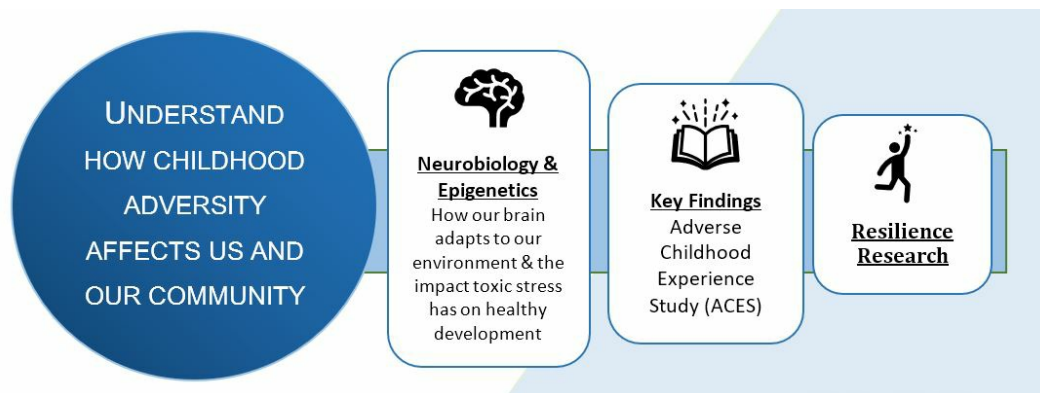
Understanding ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences)

Building Self Healing Communities

MAY 2, 2022 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Join us for this important conversation so we can begin to make changes to build resiliency in our community. You will learn the NEAR Science, Key findings in the ACES study and Resilience Research.



Open to All! Parents, Staff, Providers/Employers Serving Youth and Community Members

FREE VIRTUAL EVENT

CEUs available upon request. Please register by April 27 for the link.

MN Association for Children's Mental Health
26th Annual Child & Adolescent Mental Health Conference
April 24 -26, 2022 online

Designed for everyone who works with or cares for infants, children, adolescents and their families. Register at: <https://macmh.org/event-page/annual-child-adolescent-mental-health-conference/>

Scholarships

Hennepin County Children's Mental Health Collaborative offers training scholarships available to parents and professionals in Hennepin County: Learn More/Apply: <https://hccmhc.com/scholarships/>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

VEAP DOOD & FUND DRIVE

Help VEAP reach their goal to collect \$200,000 & 100,000 lbs of Food Feb 28 - April 10 for MN Foodshare Campaign



Learn More/Start a Drive/Donate online

<https://veap.org/march-drive/>

Edina Schools will be collecting April 4-8 at all sites

VEAP serves residents of Bloomington, Edina, Richfield and a portion of S Mpls..



South View Cool School Plunge

Wednesday, March 30
11:45 a.m.

South View's goal is to raise \$25,000 for Special Olympics Minnesota.

Donate at: [Polar Plunge Fundraising page](#)

Edina Give and Go Annual Event Unlock Opportunity

Friday, April 22
6:30 PM

Braemar Golf Clubhouse

[Register Here](#)



Earth Day Community Clothing Exchange

Saturday, April 23
10am-4pm
Braemar Arena Backyard Rink
7501 Ikola Way

Watch EdinaMN.gov and the City's social media for more information

Barnyard Babies

Saturday, May 14
10 a.m.-noon Rosland Park
\$5/child
[Register Here](#)

Ages 1-7 Full-size petting zoo, pony rides and kid-friendly music for dancing. Adults must provide supervision. Registration is required.

Vehicle Day

Saturday, May 21
10 a.m.-noon
Southdale Center parking lot

All ages Get up close to fire trucks, police cars, snowplows, buses and more! Children must be supervised by an adult. Event will be held rain or shine.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

SUMMER 2022 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Plan your summer and get ready to register. See dates and links below. Check out the [ERC summer](#) page for links to youth programs in and near Edina.



YOUTH ENRICHMENT

**KIDS CLUB/WISE GUYS-
SUMMER & 2022-23 SCHOOL
YEAR**

PARKS & REC ACTIVIITES

Art Center
Park Programs

ERC SUMMER RESOURCES

DAY CAMPS
OVERNIGHT
CHILD CARE
ATHLETICS
SCHOLARSHIPS

NEEDS-BASED FINANCIAL SUPPORTS- summer funding is still available

TRANSPORTATION / FOOD RESOURCES

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County is now offering Transportation programs for eligible Hennepin County Residents.



Community Action
Partnership of Hennepin County

Vehicle Repair Assistance * Transportation Assistance *Auto Insurance Assistance

Programs serving households with incomes at or below 200% of Poverty.

Learn more and apply at: <https://caphennepin.org/what-we-do/transportation-services.html>

NEW LOCATION-- LOAVES & FISHES

Christ The King Lutheran Church, located at 8600 Fremont Ave S. will host meals Monday-Friday 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Former sites in Bloomington (Creekside & Oak Grove) are no longer serving meals. loavesandfishesmn.org/dining-sites/



VEAP FOOD PANTRY

Fresh produce, perishables and food items of your preference. Call **952-888-9616** for an appointment.



VEAP MOBILE PANTRY open to everyone.

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

For other locations: veap.org/events/

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