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January's Connection to Community Resources features:

- Give Kids a Smile Day
- Summer Registrations- Save the dates!
 - YMCA Day Camp Gathering Pines Scholarship now available
- Tax Prep Clinics
- Financial Wellness Workshops
- Connecting with Kids Award, Juneteenth Celebration, upcoming events & more

2023 is off to a busy and snowy start. Make it a great year!
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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GIVE KIDS A SMILE- FREE DENTAL CARE



**APPOINTMENTS ARE OPEN!
FREE DENTAL CARE FOR UNDERSERVED
CHILDREN**

Friday, Feb. 3 & Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023

Give Kids a Smile is a charitable outreach program that provides free dental care to underserved children (typically ages 3-18). Dental clinics throughout the state volunteer to provide these services during Children's Dental Health Month.

WHEN IS IT?

February 3 and 4, 2023

(Some clinics hold events on alternative dates.)

LOCATION?

Volunteer dental clinics across the state.

HOW ARE APPOINTMENTS MADE?

Families can locate a participating clinic by visiting www.mndental.org/gkas or contacting the United Way by dialing 2-1-1 or texting their zip code to 898-211. They can then contact the clinic directly to schedule an appointment.

SUMMER 2023- YOUTH REGISTRATIONS

Save the Date: Registrations Opens for Summer Activities

January 17: YMCA Gathering Pines Day Camp [Register Here](#)/ Scholarship for Edina Students

February 1: Find the complete list of Children & Youth Sports & Activities in Edina [view here](#)

February 14 @ 8am: Edina Community Ed Enrichment Classes [Register Here](#)

February 14 @ 8am: Edina KIDS Club/Wise Guys Summer 2023 [Register Here](#)

YMCA DAY CAMP GATHERING PINES



YMCA DAY CAMP GATHERING PINES (Kici Yapi) Camp Scholarship for Edina Students

Applications accepted **Jan. 17 - Jan. 30** on a first-come, first served based or until spots are filled, whichever comes first.

YMCA Day Camp Gathering Pines (formally Kici Yapi) is located in Lakeville, MN. A bus from Edina will bring the campers to and from camp each day. Campers explore hiking through wooded trails, studying the wonders of nature, canoeing along lakeshores, building character through teamwork, and conquering many challenges under the leadership of well-trained staff. Exciting activities include archery, swimming, nature studies, canoeing, fort building, gaga ball, camp crafts, cookouts and group games! Specialty Camps Provide two hours of focus on a favorite activity. Bring a bag lunch and 2 snacks daily to camp.

Elementary Students

Current Edina K-5 students may apply for a one-week traditional camp experience. Family fee: \$25

Middle School Students

New: current 6th-7th-8th graders have a variety of teen camp options to choose from including Leaders In Training (2 week camp), or one-week Archery, Artist, Canoe/Kayak, Green Team, Survival Skills, Climbing and fishing. Spots very limited. family fee ranges:\$25-\$50 depending on the camp selected

How to Apply

Visit: EdinaResourceCenter.org/summer to download the application or stop by the Edina Resource Center or ask your school social worker for a packet.

Household must meet income guidelines to qualify for the scholarship.

Thank you to Edina Give and Go and YMCA Day Camp Gathering Pines for making this scholarship available.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SUMMER

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

Edina Community Ed

Enrichment Financial Aid
Application for 2022-23 School Year

Coming February 2023:

[Summer Go Time scholarship with Edina Give and Go](#)

Edina Give & Go

Up to \$1000 during the school year for Edina K-12 students to participate in Athletics, Arts or Academic offerings.

Plus an additional \$500 during the summer months.

Edina Connect Card

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



SUMMER RESOURCE FAIR

Thursday, Feb 2, 2023

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Edina Community Center- 3rd floor

Learn about various summer programs and scholarship supports available including but not limited to Edina Community Ed, Edina Give and Go, Edina Connect Card and many more.

If you are a summer athletic/program who would like to attend please [contact us](#).

SUMMER GO TIME 2023 Summer Scholarship

Available to incoming K-12 Edina students to participate in Community Ed Camps/Classes. [Details announced by Feb 1.](#)

If you have not completed the **Edina Community Ed Financial Aid Application** for 2022-23, please [complete your application](#) prior to registering for summer. If you are not sure if you have been approved for 2022-23, call 952-848-3952

TAX PREP CLINICS



Community Action
Partnership of Hennepin County

Free Tax Prep

CAP-HC's VITA Program provides free basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals and families, including:

- 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

All applicants must live in Hennepin County.

TO APPLY

Email [:taxassistance@caphennepin.org](mailto:taxassistance@caphennepin.org) or

Call [952-697-1414](tel:952-697-1414) for application forms and additional required documentation.

VITA Tax Clinics are in-person and by appointment only. Staff will begin taking appointments on January 2, 2023.



Free Tax Prep

Prepare + Prosper provides free basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals and families, including

- Single households with annual income of \$35,000 or less
- Families with dependents annual income of \$60,000 or less
- Self-employed, no employees, earning \$6,000-\$50,000 (
- Limited English-speaking taxpayers

Appointment Scheduling opens Jan 17

prepareandprosper.org/free-tax-preparation/
651-281-0187

FREE Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Tax Prep service, available to those who make \$73,000 or less! [Available at the end of January 2023](#)

If you don't have a Social Security number, you will need an ITIN—an Individual Tax Identification Number—to complete your tax return(s). We can help you get one for free!

FINANCIAL WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

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

FINANCIAL WELLNESS CLASS

This classes uses the FDIC Money Smart curriculum, and includes topics in 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

Jan 10 & 11 | 4:30 PM-8:30 PM 2-day class- online

Jan 28 | 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM online

Feb 7 & 8 | 4:30 PM-8:30 PM 2-day class

Feb 25 | 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM online

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

IN THE COMMUNITY



MNSure Open Enrollment Ends January 15

Health insurance enrollment is still available. Households who meet certain income limits can enroll at anytime.

Is your employer health insurance affordable? A new rules helps families sign-up for open-market health insurance if their employer insurance is not affordable. [Learn More](#)

[Learn More and Apply Online](#)



Nominations Due Feb 1: Connecting with Kids Award

Connecting With Kids, an Edina Community Foundation program, believes that our community and all of its members have a powerful influence on the development of youth.

To honor those who have consistently worked to build assets in our youth, Connecting With Kids will present Leadership Awards at our breakfast on Friday March 10, 2023.

Who is Eligible?

Any individual, school, school group, organization, religious organization, foundation, or company who shares our vision that healthy kids lead to a healthy community. The nominee must have some link to Edina.

[Learn More and submit a Nomination](#)



Juneteenth Community Celebration Idea Collection

City of Edina is collecting ideas on activities, organizations, performers and speakers you would like included at this year's Juneteenth Community Celebration set for Mon. June 19 4 pm-9pm. Share your ideas by Jan 15

[Learn more and Share your Ideas](#)

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](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 13: Movie Night FROZEN II

Movie is included with daily admission fee.

5:30 PM-7 PM

Edinburgh Park - Amphitheater

[Learn More](#)

Jan 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

No School

Feb 2: Edina Cake-off! supporting Edina Education Fund

10 AM - 12 PM

St Patrick's Church, Edina

[Learn More](#)

Feb 3 & 4: Give Kids A Smile Day

Register now

[Learn More](#)

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Your Connection to Community Resources, Services and Information
Free, confidential service for anyone who lives, works or goes to school in Edina
952-848-3936

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Visit our Website

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