

TRI-COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES COUNCIL

Community Action Agency



Serving the 9 Counties of Bureau, Carroll, LaSalle, Lee, Marshall, Ogle, Putnam, Stark, and Whiteside Illinois

RESOURCE BOOK

Marshall/Stark County

Tri-County Opportunities Council

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www.tcochelps.org

Building opportunities to transform communities.



Tri-County Opportunities Council

Mission Statement

Tri-County Opportunities Council will investigate the impact of poverty throughout our nine county service area and will work, in partnership with individuals, families and communities to provide opportunities that supports movement towards stability and self-sufficiency.



Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG)

- Provides comprehensive needs assessments, information and referrals and numerous case management programs to eligible customers to obtain self-sufficiency for employment, youth, education, housing, medical, and emergency needs.
- Offers various housing programs to those facing homelessness or on the verge of becoming homeless. In addition, case management is provided to ensure housing is affordable and sustained to prevent future homelessness.
- Annually awards educational scholarships to income-eligible service area residents attending an Illinois institution of higher learning.
- Bureau County Food Pantry – provides food to meet meal gaps to families residing in Bureau County.

Foster Grandparent Program

- Provides meaningful volunteer opportunities for those in the lower income range who are 55 years old and older.
- Offers supportive person-to-person services to at-risk children with special or exceptional needs in reading, math, spelling, art and other constructive projects.

Head Start/Early Head Start Program

- The EHS/HS programs are federal programs that provides comprehensive early childhood education, health, nutrition, and parent engagement services to children from birth to 5 years of age, expectant mothers, and their families.
- The program's services and resources are designed to foster stable family relationships, heighten family resiliency, enhance children's physical and emotional well-being, and establish an environment to develop skills toward school readiness and a love of life-long learning.
- Families must meet the eligibility criteria established by the federal government.

Low-Income Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)

- LIHEAP – makes a one-time payment to the utility company, bills must be in the name of the person applying.
- LIHEAP Furnace Program – Repair or replace furnaces to homeowners who are current on their mortgage and taxes and be within the LIHEAP guidelines.
- PIPP – The Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) is designed to help client’s pay their own bill with a manageable budget bill. Eligibility for this program included being within the LIHEAP guidelines and must have a participating utility company, such as, Ameren, Com-Ed, and Nicor.
- Com-Ed Hardship – helps households that may be having a hardship crisis situation. Income guidelines are 200% of poverty level.
- Neighbor to Neighbor – helps households with utility assistance. Income guidelines are 300% of poverty level.

Illinois Home Weatherization Program

- Make homes more energy efficient, provide safe heating equipment, if needed, replace furnace, and provide clients with safety equipment.

Rental Housing

- Provides decent, safe and affordable housing to low-income clients.

TRI-COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES COUNCIL OFFICES:

Main Office

405 Emmons Avenue
Rock Falls, IL 61071
PH: 815-625-7830
PH: 1-800-323-5434

LaSalle Office

308 N. 30th Road
LaSalle, IL 61301
CSBG: 815-224-0028
CSBG: 815-224-3939
LIHEAP: 815-223-2333
HEAD START: 815-224-2533
HEAD START: 815-220-1602
HEAD START: 815-220-1603

Princeton Office

1019 N. Main Street
Princeton, IL 61356
Food Pantry/CSBG: 815-875-6064
LIHEAP: 815-879-6035

Office Hours

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Monday-Friday

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BASIC NEEDS

Baptist Church

110 W. Jefferson
Toulon, IL 61483
PH: 309/286-4611

Money assistance for families in need.

Bradford Apostolic Church

440 E. Main Street
Bradford, IL 61421
PH: 309/897-2002

Provides assistance with home repairs for individuals living in Stark County.

Father Art's Intention to Help (F.A.I.T.H.)

Immaculate Conception Church
418 Center Street
Lacon, IL 61540
PH: 309/246-5145

*Assistance for utilities and/or rent, basic needs.
Monday-Friday, 9:00-3:00. Call for appointment.*

Dream Center

714 Hamilton Blvd.
Peoria, IL 61603
PH: 309/839-1809

LaLeche

Peoria, Pekin, & Bloomington/Normal hospitals/clinics
www.illinoisbreastfeeding.org

Meetings held 3rd Wednesdays of the month at different locations.

Parents as Teachers

Regional Office of Education
107 S. State Street
Atkinson, IL 61234
PH: 309/936-7890

Provides child development knowledge and supports, improve parenting skills, health issues, screen for early development delays and increase school readiness.

Poverello Outreach

207 W. 3rd South Street
Wenona, IL 61377
PH: 815/992-1145

Provides assistance with utilities and rent/mortgage. Will assist in other ways under special circumstances; car repair, car insurance.

Pregnancy Resource Center

215 W. Main Street
Toulon, IL 61483
PH: 309/283-1615

Serves young women in Stark, Henry, and surrounding counties by providing pregnancy testing, mentoring, parenting classes, baby items, and more.

Resource House

102 N. 7th
Wyoming, IL 61491
PH: 309/695-5660

Stark County Good Samaritan Fund

110 W. Jefferson
Toulon, IL 61483
PH: 309/286-4611

Basic assistance on an as needed basis for individuals living in Stark County.

CHILD CARE

Abilities Plus 0-3 Program

1100 N. East Street
Kewanee, IL 61443
PH: 309/852-4626

Serves 0-3, Early Intervention Services

DISABILITIES

Gateway Services

327 Edward Street Suite 3
Henry, IL 61537
PH: 309/364-2500

Illinois Valley Center for Independent Living

18 Gunia Drive
LaSalle, IL 61301
PH: 800/224-3126

Uniforms Etc.

637 1st Street
LaSalle, IL 61301
PH: 815/223-6684
www.uniformsetclasalle.com

Provided uniforms and shoes for employment at a cost.

EDUCATION

Blackhawk East College

404 W. 3rd Street
Kewanee, IL 61443
PH: 309/854-1862
www.bhc.edu

Illinois Valley Community College

815 N. Orlando Smith Road
Oglesby, IL 61348
PH: 815/224-0266

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Center for Prevention of Abuse

720 W. Joan Court
Peoria, IL 61614
PH: 309/691-0551

EMPLOYMENT

Career Link

106 E Williams Street Wyoming, IL 61491 PH: 309-606-9060 www.careerlink16.com	509 Front Street Henry, IL 61357 PH: 309/364-4120
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Provides integrated high quality employment resources to students, job seekers and businesses.

IDES – Special Population Coordinator

Thomas Brown
PH: 309/671-3195
www.IDES.Illinois.gov

Assists recently incarcerated individuals look for employment.

FOOD

Bradford Food Pantry

118 E. Main
Bradford, IL 61421
PH: 309/897-8113

Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Must live in Bradford.

First Baptist Food Pantry

500 N. Main
Wyoming, IL 61491
PH: 309/695-4035

Stark County Food Pantry

224 S. Franklin
Toulon, IL 61483
PH: 309/286-6611

Call in Monday, pick up Tuesday; 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Wenona Food Pantry

401 Chestnut Street
Wenona, IL 61377
PH: 815/853-4206

*3rd Thursday of the month, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Provides food to anyone with proof of residency in the 61377 zip code.*

HEALTH

Aunt Martha's Health Care Network

120 E. Court Street
Toulon, IL 61483
PH: 309/286-7240
www.auntmarthas.org

*Offers medical, dental, behavioral health services.
Medicaid/Medicare is accepted.*

Cornerstone Wellness Community Center

302 N. Mason
Sheffield, IL 61361
PH: 815/454-8020

Weight Watchers, NarAnon Family Group, Overeaters Anonymous, Cardio Blast Group Fitness, AA Meetings, gym for workouts.

Dr. Rider, DDS

125 W South Street # 10
Kewanee, IL 61443
PH: 309/852-2525

Familia Dental

1403 W. Glenn Ave.
Peoria, IL 61614
PH: 309/692-4721
www.familiadental.com

Henry & Stark County Health Department

4424 US Hwy. 34
Kewanee, IL 61443
PH: 309/852-3115
www.henrystarkhealth.com

Provides health services such as disease prevention, family health, environmental health, health promotion, and health news.

HOUSING

Freedom House

440 Elm Place
Princeton, IL 61356
PH: 815/872-0087
HOTLINE: 800/474-6031
www.freedomhouseillinois.org

Provides a safe and free haven for victim of domestic and sexual violence and their children in Bureau, Henry, Marshall, Putnam and Stark counties.

North Central Behavioral Health Systems

Great River Health Care
120 E. Court Street
Toulon, IL 61483
PH: 309/286-7240
www.ncbhs.org

Helps children, adults and families by offering comprehensive continuum of prevention & behavioral health services.

LEGAL SERVICES

Prairie State Legal Services

331 Fulton Street, Suite 600
Peoria, IL 61602
PH: 309/674-9831
www.pslegal.org

Represents low-income clients (based on income guidelines) in preventing domestic violence, unlawful evictions, preserving their homes, obtaining and maintaining Medicaid, SSI and Social Security benefits, keeping custody of children and resolving other problems that involve basic needs.

MENTAL HEALTH

Mindock Counseling & Consulting

20006 Pioneer Parkway, Suite 3
Peoria, IL 61614
PH: 309/402-0666, ext. 3
www.mindockcounseling.com

414 5th Street
Lacon, IL 61540

By appointment only, hours vary. Accepts Medicaid, offers a sliding fee scale.

RESOURCES

Bradford Library

111 S. Peoria
Bradford, IL 61421
PH: 309/897-8400

Toulon Public Library

617 E. Jefferson
Toulon, IL 61483
PH: 309/286-5791

Wenona Bond Public Library

208 S. Chestnut Street
Wenona, IL 61377
PH: 815/853-4665

Wyoming Public Library

119 N. 7th Street
Wyoming, IL 61491
PH: 309/695-2241

SENIOR OUTREACH

Toulon Rehabilitation & Health Care Center

700 E. Main
Toulon, IL 61483
PH: 309/286-2631

Skilled nursing home

Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging

729 34th Ave.
Rock Island, IL 61201
PH: 309/793-6800
PH: 800/322-1051

Serves adults 60 years of age and older.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Esther House

6847 N. Allen Road
Peoria, IL 61614
PH: 309/676-3000

TOWNSHIP/CITY OFFICIALS

Township Supervisors

West Jersey	Goshen
Greg Cline	Margaret Jones
5170 Twp. Rd. 55 E.	1667 Twp. Rd. 1100 N.
Toulon, IL 61483	Lafayette, IL 61449

Essex	Toulon
Gary Goodwin	Greg Knowles
10516 Twp. Rd. 410 N.	10672 Twp. Rd. 800 E.
Wyoming, IL 61491	Toulon, IL 61483

Elmira	Valley
John Lane	Joyce School
13327 Twp. Rd. 850 E.	4466 Twp. Rd. 1400 E.
Toulon, IL 61483	Wyoming, IL 61491

Penn	Osceola
Robert Groter	Martha Chamberlain
9148 Snareville Road	P.O. Box 204
Wyoming, IL 61491	Bradford, IL 61421

TRANSPORTATION

Marshall/Stark County Transportation

PH: 309/364-2287

*Charges apply to those under 60 years of age.
Suggested donations for those over 60 years of age.*

VETERAN ASSISTANCE

Sundance for Our Soldiers

Cambridge, IL 61238
PH: 309/945-7257

www.sundanceforoursoldiers.org

Horse therapy for veteran's experience PTSD, anger management, coping abilities, problem solving, conflict resolution.

YOUTH

Stark County Out-of-School Youth Assistance

Black Hawk Community College Education Center
404 E. 3rd
Kewanee, IL 61443
PH: 309/854-1877

University of Illinois Extension

321 W 2nd Avenue
Milan, IL 61264
Phone: 309-756-9978

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/hmrs/>

*Offers programs of 4H Development, Community
Agriculture, Community and Economic Development,
Consumer Economics, Environmental and Energy
Stewardship, Family Life, Horticulture, Leadership and
Local Government, and Nutrition/Wellness.*

YMCA of Kewanee

315 W. 1st Street
Kewanee, IL 61443
PH: 309/853-4431
www.kewaneymca.org