

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

Carroll County

Tri-County Opportunities Council

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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

American Red Cross

224 W. Galena
Freeport, IL 61032
PH: 815/233-0011

Provides disaster relief, support military families, health and safety services.

Carroll County Help Center

136 S. 4th Street
Savanna, IL 61074
PH: 815/493-6076

Financial assistance for food, rent, electric, gas and medical assistance.

Chadwick/Milledgeville Ministerial Association

937 Stover Avenue
Milledgeville, IL 61051
PH: 815/499-3012

Provides assistance with rent, utilities, food, gas, hotel/motel on occasion.

Mt. Carroll Ministerial Association

216 S. Main Street
Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
PH: 815/244-4342

Provides general assistance as needed.

Pitter Patter Pantry

855 S. Mill & Rt. 64
Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
PH: 815/493-6255

Infant and small children items. Must be enrolled in WIC

The Great River Outreach

P.O. Box 65
926 Viaduct Road
Savanna, IL 61074
PH: 815/273-0426

Partners with agencies and organizations that currently provide help to individuals and families with shelter, clothing, warm meals, emergency food, counseling services and career opportunities.

The Salvation Army

926 Viaduct
Savanna, IL 61074
PH: 815/273-2783

Provides major disaster relief, one-time emergency helps with water bills, food, clothing, bedding, health needs, gas, minor car repair, Christmas food baskets, toys.

CHILD CARE

Child and Family Connections

206 S. Galena Avenue, Suite 40
Freeport, IL 61032
PH: 815/297-1041

Provides early intervention services to families who have infants and toddlers up to age 3, who have concerns about how their child is developing.

Carroll County Early Step Preschool

2215 Wacker Road
Savanna, IL 61074
PH: 815/273-7532

Preschool for eligible children.

Community Coordinated Child Care (4C's)

155 N. 3rd Street
DeKalb, IL 60115
PH: 815/758-8149
www.four-c.org

Helps search and pay for child care services.

Little Sprouts Daycare & Preschool

200 S. School Street, Suite B
Lanark, IL 61046
PH: 815/493-8316

6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

Ms. Brandi's Day Care Center

706 Cedar Street
Savanna, IL 61074
PH: 815/273-0301

6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Monday-Friday; ages 3-12.

DISABILITIES

Malcolm Eaton Enterprises

570 W. Lamm Road
Freeport, IL 61032
PH: 815/235-7181
www.malcolmeaton.org

Provides variety of programs; developmental training, community employment, vocational training services.

Northwest Special Education Cooperative

310 N West Street
Elizabeth, IL 61028
815/599-1947
www.northwestcoop.com

Provides meaningful free, appropriate education for students who have special needs.

Rolling Hills Progress Center

201 IL Route 64
Lanark, IL 61046
PH: 815/493-2321
www.rhpcinc.com

Provides vocational and activity services to Carroll County residents with developmental disabilities, mental illnesses, and physical disabilities.

EDUCATION

Highland Community College Adult Education

2998 E. Pearl City Road
Freeport, IL 61032
PH: 815/599-3460
www.highland.cc.il.us/adulted/index.asp

GED preparation classes, ESL classes, one-on-one tutoring.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Riverview Center

820 S. Mill Street
Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
PH: 815/244-7704

Provides assistance to individuals who have been sexual abused and/or in a domestic violence situation.

Tyler's Justice Center for Children

400 W. Front Ave.
Stockton, IL 61085
PH: 815/947-6030
www.tylersjusticecenter.org

Advocate for abused children; forensic interviews, advocacy, case management, access to specialized medical exams, community education.

EMPLOYMENT

BEST (Business Equipment Skills Team), Inc.

301 N. Main Street
Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
PH: 815/244-2522

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursdays (by appointment only); education/career/employment assistance.

Furst Staffing

112 S. Main Street
Stockton, IL 61085
PH: 815/656-4490
www.furststaff.com

Assists applicants find entry level to skilled, industrial and office opportunities.

Sedona Staffing

2418 Virginia Ave., Suite E
Clinton, IA 52732
PH: 563/243-6788
www.sedonagroup.com

Employment opportunities to individuals; factory work, outside work, clerical, management.

TEMP Associates

1801 S. 21st Street, Suite B
Clinton, IA 52732
PH: 563/242-1078
www.tempassociates.com

Provides applicants with employment; professional, factory, maintenance, office workers.

FOOD

Fulton/Thomson Food Pantry

801 22nd Avenue
Fulton, IL 61252
PH: 815/589-3671

Thursdays: 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Milledgeville/Chadwick Food Pantry

400 N. Main
Milledgeville, IL 61051
PH: 815/225-7682

*The first Tuesday of each month, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Families must live within the
school boundaries of the Chadwick-Milledgeville.*

Savanna Food Pantry

926 Viaduct Road
Savanna, IL 61074
PH: 815/218-5571

Tuesdays and Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Shannon & Lanark Food Pantry

109 E. Badger Street
Shannon, IL 61078
PH: 815/821-4951

*The 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 2:00 PM to
4:00 PM.*

Share Program

18 W 4th Street (Fire Station)
Milledgeville, IL 61051
PH: 815/493-2836

*Provides monthly, low-cost food packages to those who
volunteer in their community and want to stretch their
food dollars.*

The Table

926 Viaduct Road
Savanna, IL 61074
PH: 815/273-2783

*Monday-Friday (dining room) free noon meals.
Individuals may make arrangements for carryout for a
\$1.00 daily fee for containers.*

HEALTH

Carroll County Health Department

820 S. Mill Street
Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
PH: 815/244-8855
<http://ccphd.org/>

Dental Dreams

6215 E. State Street
Rockford, IL 61102
PH: 815/399-777

*Accepts the Illinois Medical Card and other insurance
plans.*

Dental Connections

2661 E. Stephenson Street
Freeport, IL 61032
PH: 815/233-1215

*Accepts the Illinois Medical Card and other insurance
plans.*

Freeport Health Network (FHN)

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| 2107 Chicago Avenue | 1120 Healthcare Drive |
| Savanna, IL 61074 | Mt. Carroll, IL 61053 |
| PH: 815/273-3323 | PH: 815/244-4181 |

602 W. Olympic Drive
Lanark, IL
PH: 815/493-2831
www.fhn.org

Primary health clinic for individuals and families.

Well Women of Northwest Illinois

10 W. Linden Street
Freeport, IL 61032
PH: 815/599-8414

*Provides FREE breast and cervical screenings for those
who qualify.*

HOUSING

Carroll County Housing Authorities

525 3rd Street

Savanna, IL 61074

PH: 815/273-7081

www.affordablehousingonline.com

Provides apartments to families who meet income eligibility guidelines.

LEGAL SERVICES

Carroll County State's Attorney Office

301 N. Main Street #206

Mt. Carroll, IL 61053

PH: 815/244-0290

CASA

113 S. Peoria Avenue

Dixon, IL 61021

PH: 815/288-1901

www.casaleecarroll.com

Assists with youth, legal services, advocate for abused/neglected children in juvenile court. Serves Carroll, Lee, Ogle counties.

MENTAL HEALTH

Sinnissippi Centers

1122 Healthcare Drive

Mt. Carroll, IL 61053

PH: 815/244-1376

www.sinnissippi.com

To assist individuals and families by helping them lead happier, healthier and more productive lives; to provide mental health services to those who are experiencing situational crises or emotional, school, work, or family problems, or who suffer from substance abuse problems or disabling mental illness.

RESOURCES

Chadwick Public Library

110 Main Street

Chadwick, IL 61014

PH: 815/684-5215

Lanark Public Library

111 S Broad Street

Lanark, IL 61046

PH: 815/493-2166

Mt. Carroll Public Library

208 N. Main Street

Mt. Carroll, IL 61053

PH: 815/244-1751

Savanna Public Library

326 3rd Street

Savanna, IL 61074

PH: 815/273-3714

Wysox (Milledgeville) Township Public Library

18 W. 5th Street

Milledgeville, IL 61053

PH: 815/225-7572

York Township Public Library

1005 W. Main Street

Thomson, IL 61285

PH: 815/259-2480

SENIOR OUTREACH

Carroll County Senior Service Organization

306 North Main Street

Mt. Carroll, IL 61053

PH: 815/244-1800

Provides information on senior issues, assist in obtaining benefits, provide Medicare SHIP counseling, and be involved in social educational programs.

Eastland Council of Churches Home

Improvement Task Force

14361 Brethren Road

Lanark, IL 61046

PH: 815/535-4141

Provides financial assistance and volunteer labor for small home improvement projects to individuals 62 years or older and under an annual income of \$22,000.

Savanna Helping Savanna

502 3rd Street
Savanna, IL 61074
PH: 815/590-1702

Provides senior citizens living in Savanna with yard clean-up, painting houses, etc.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Alcoholics Anonymous

First Presbyterian Church
502 3rd Street
Savanna, IL 61074
(815) 273-2783

TOWNSHIPS/CITY OFFICIALS

Mt. Carroll Township

1005 S. Clay Street
Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
PH: 815/244-2300

Savanna Police Department

333 Chicago Avenue
Savanna, IL 61074
PH: 815/273-2246

TRANSPORTATION

Carroll County Transit

306 N. Main Street
Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
PH: 855-702-7433 – 815/244-0011

Providing affordable public transportation service to all ages residing in Carroll County.

VETERAN ASSISTANCE

Carroll County Veterans Assistance

Carroll County Courthouse
301 North Main
Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
PH: 815/244-0226

YOUTH

Milledgeville Park District

320 N. Main Avenue
Milledgeville, IL 6153
PH: 815/225-7912

Savanna Park District

225 Bowen Street
Savanna, IL 61074
PH: 815/273-4487

University of IL Carroll County Extension Office

807 S. Clay Street
Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
PH: 815/244-9444

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.