

# 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.*



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## *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. 4<sup>th</sup> 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
DeKalb, IL 60115  
PH: 815/758-8149  
[www.four-c.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.highland.cc.il.us/adulted/index.asp)

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

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

### **Riverview Center**

106 E. Market 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.sedonagroup.com)

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

### **TEMP Associates**

1801 S. 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite B  
Clinton, IA 52732  
PH: 563/242-1078  
[www.tempassociates.com](http://www.tempassociates.com)

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

## FOOD

### **Fulton/Thomson Food Pantry**

801 22<sup>nd</sup> 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)**

2107 Chicago Avenue  
Savanna, IL 61074  
PH: 815/273-3323

1120 Healthcare Drive  
Mt. Carroll, IL 61053  
PH: 815/244-4181

602 W. Olympic Drive  
Lanark, IL  
PH: 815/493-2831  
[www.fhn.org](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Savanna, IL 61074  
PH: 815/273-7081

[www.affordablehousingonline.com](http://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](http://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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Savanna, IL 61074  
PH: 815/273-3714

### **Wysox (Milledgeville) Township Public Library**

18 W. 5<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*