Special Community Resources Newsletter

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FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

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2023 RESOURCES

Due to the increased cost of necessities, the Family Support Program has once again updated our list of available community resources to assist families.

As a team, we have compiled resources in areas such as: Food, Clothing, Fuel, Medical, Dental, Finances, Vision, along with other areas. We strive to make this a valuable resource to help families in Strafford County.

Please contact Paula Fraser (pfraser@communitypartnersnh.org) if you discover something inaccurate, a change in a resource, or if you know of another resource we should include in future editions.







ABOUT COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Community Partners has been in operation for over 40 years. Established as the Area Agency for Developmental Services in 1983, Community Partners sought and was awarded the contract to provide behavioral health services in Strafford County in 2001. We also contract with the State of New Hampshire for

the Service Link Resource Center and the Partners in Health Program

We have a long and rich history of providing critical supports and services for individuals and families living with developmental disabilities and/or behavioral health challenges, and are one of only two places in the state where people can find both behavioral health and developmental supports and services within one agency.

Last year Community Partners served over 4,700 individuals and families. The agency's mission is to promote respect, wellness, full inclusion, and empowerment of individuals and their families who experience mental illness, emotional distress, developmental disability, chronic health need, or acquired brain disorder.

ASSISTANCE WITH FOOD

Barrington

• Community Food Pantry (residents only)

105 Ramsdell Ln Thurs 6—7:30pm (603) 664-0233

Joseph's Storehouse at Journey Baptist Church

8 Eastern Ave 3rd Sat of the month 9-11am (603) 664-0880

Dover

 Food Pantry at First Parish Church (need proof of residency)

One Silver St Tues 3–5pm & Thurs 9–11am (603)742-5664

· Food Pantry at St. Joseph's Church

150 Central Ave Tues, Weds & Sat 9-11:50am (603)742-4837

CAP Outreach and Food Pantry

577 Central Ave Suite 10 Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30pm (603)435-2500 x 8136

Seacoast Eat Local:

2 Washington St, Suite 331 (603)241-4400

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

5 Hale St (enter Locust St, church lot) Tues & Thurs 5pm (603)742-3155

University of NH Cooperative Extension

Strafford County office, 273 Locust St, Suite A Mon-Fri 8-3pm by appointment only (603)749-2529 ce.strafford@unh.edu

<u>Durham</u>

Cornucopia Food Pantry

15 Mill Rd

Tues 3—6pm, Wed 1-4pm, & Fri 12—2pm by appointment only (603)862-1165

St. Thomas Moore Food Pantry

6 Madbury Rd Thurs 4—6pm (603)868-2666

Farmington

Interfaith Food Pantry

400 Main St Last Sat of month 9:00—10:30am (except August) (603)755-4816

Lee

 Wilkinson Food Pantry in Congregational Church (Lee, Madbury, Durham, Nottingham and Newmarket

residents only)
17 Mast Rd

1st & 3rd Mon of the month 5:30—7pm (603)659-2861

New Durham

• Food Pantry (residents only)

5 Main St Sat 9-10am (603)817-0372

Rochester

Salvation Army Food Pantry (Rochester, E. Rochester,

Gonic, and Barrington residents only)

10 Olde Farm Ln

Mon, Wed, & Fri 9am-2pm

(603)332-2623

• Gerry's Emergency Food Pantry (Rochester & Farmington

residents only & must show photo ID)

150 Wakefield St

Drive up Mon & Wed 9—3pm & morning delivery Fri (603)330-3468

East Rochester Bethany Methodist Church

24 Main St Sat mornings (603)332-3618

Gather Meals-4-Kids

Alternating locations; 150 Wakefield St or 57 Wakefield St

Tues 12-4pm,

schedule on gathernh.org (603)436-0641

• First Church Congregational UCC Food Pantry

63 South Main St Mon-Fri 10-1pm (603)332-1121

• Rochester Fellowship Kitchen (to go meals)

34 South Main St Sun, Tues, & Thurs 5-6 pm (207)200-6983

Grace Place Food Pantry (Grace Community Church)

9 Mechanic St Thurs 9:00—11:00am 57 Wakefield St last Sat of month, 3:45-5pm (603)332-9689

CAP Rochester Food Pantry

10 Cold Spring Manor Tue 12-4pm

(603)435-2500 x 8136

Milton

• We Care Food Pantry (Strafford County and Lebanon)

370 Mountain Hwy Fri 9:30 – 6:30pm (603)923-9456

<u>Somersworth</u>

• The Community Food Pantry (First Parish Church)

176 West High Street Mon 10—12pm, Wed 6—8pm, & Thurs 3--5pm (603)692-2907

Frontier Angels (delivery only)

35 Maple St (603)389-7318

Strafford

Food Pantry (Strafford residents only)
 30 Strafford Rd (Christian Center of the Third Baptist Church in Center Strafford)
 Thurs 8–10am
 (603)664-7750

MORE FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

- ⇒ Meals on Wheels: Provides home delivered meal services to older adults and adults with disabilities. 25 Bartlett Ave, Suite A, Somersworth, NH 03878-1802 Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri 8-3pm; Wed 8-12pm (603)692-4211
- ⇒ Women, Infant and Children (WIC): Federally-funded free program to improve nutritional health for low income new mothers, infants, children to age 6. Available through Goodwin Community Health in Somersworth. (603)332-4358
- ⇒ Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP): Federally-funded free program to improve nutritional health for seniors 60+. Available through Goodwin Community Health in Somersworth. (603)994-6368
- ⇒ End 68 Hours of Hunger: Parents of children can contact their school's guidance counselor to see if their school is participating and request a backpack of food to take home over weekends or holiday breaks, end68hoursofhunger.org
- ⇒ Community Action Partnership of Strafford County Summer Meals Programs: provides free breakfast and lunch for children ages 0 to 18 during the summer months only. For locations and times, straffordcap.org or call (603)435-2500 x2339
- ⇒ NH Food Bank: SNAP/Food stamp application, assistance, and advocacy (603)669-9725 x1147
- ⇒ **Granite State Market Match:** At farmer's market, shop with SNAP/EBT and Granite State Market Match or Double up Food bucks at participating acceptance sites and get 50% off on fruits, vegetables, herbs, & seeds, **granitestatemarketmatch.org**
- ⇒ Food Stamps: NH Health and Human Services Community Center 150 Wakefield St., Rochester NH (603)332-9120 or apply on NHeasy.nh.gov
- ⇒ United Way of the Greater Seacoast: list of all local food pantries, uwgs.org
- ⇒ At Risk After School program: provides dinner and a snack. Available at Idlehurst Elementary, Somersworth Middle School, Rochester Middle School and Farmington Recreation Center. Children enrolled in school programs are eligible for free meals. Ask about the program at your child's school.

COMMUNITY MEALS

- Dover Friendly Kitchen: St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Tues & Thurs 5pm (Corner of Locust and Hale) (603)742-5664
- Table of Plenty: Take out or in person meals at 2 locations: 37 School Street @ Berwick United Methodist Church, Wed 4:00-5:30pm or Whipple Rd. St. Raphael's Church Thurs 4-5:00pm (207)517-7000
- House of Hope Community Meals: 25 Saw Mill Hill, Berwick, ME. Mon, Tues, & Thurs 5:15-6:30pm (207)698-9944

FUEL & ELECTRIC ASSISTANCE

- Fuel Assistance: Community Action Partnership of Strafford
 County: The Low Income Heating Program (LIHEAP) provides
 eligible households with assistance in paying their energy bills
 during the winter. Benefits are calculated on household income,
 energy costs, and housing type. Applications are taken through
 our Outreach offices in Dover, Rochester and Farmington, and
 at selected sites around Strafford County. (603)435-2500,
 straffordcap.org
- Electrical Assistance: Community Action Partnership of Strafford County: The New Hampshire Electric Assistance Program gives income-eligible customers a discount on their monthly electric bills depending on gross household income, household size, and electricity use. Applications are taken through our Outreach offices in Dover, Rochester and Farmington, and at selected sites around Strafford County. (603)435-2500, straffordcap.org
- Call supplier for payment plan options, if available

- WEATHERIZATION: Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, designed to reduce household energy use and costs in the homes of low-income persons throughout the state by installing energy efficiency improvements, (603)435-2500 ext. 2350, straffordcap.org
- Our Town Electricity: OTElectricity.com, or call (603)301-4012
- New Hampshire Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Families
 who are not eligible for any other type of heating or fuel
 assistance and have received a disconnection notice.
 (603)435-2500, straffordcap.org or NHNfund.org
- ENH POWER: compare energy plans; residential electricity for less, providerpower.com
- New Hampshire Department of Energy: (800)852-3793
- Visit 211NH.org or call 211
- Eversource New Start Program; eversource.com/ content/residential/account-billing/payment-assistance/ new-start

DENTAL SERVICES

⇒ Dental Center at Goodwin Community Health

Accepts Medicaid & most insurances, has a sliding scale fee for those without insurance Mon-Fri 8am-5pm

(603)749-2346

⇒ Wentworth-Douglass Community Dental Center

668 Central Ave, Dover NH
For low-income, Medicaid, & uninsured children
and adults in the WDH catchment area
Mon-Fri 8-4pm
(603)749-3013

⇒ NH Dental Society

Provides low cost dentures for income-eligible individuals

(603)225-5961

⇒ New Hampshire Medicaid Client Services

For help locating and accessing NH Medicaid dental services call

(603)271-5254

⇒ CareCredit

Plans for dental, vision, auditory and other specific health care needs. Low interest loans for larger amounts

carecredit.com or (866)893-7864

⇒ Easter Seals Oral Health Center

555 Auburn Street #1, Manchester Mon-Fri 9-5pm (603)621-3482

In April 2023, Adult Medicaid dental benefits for preventative care, more information to follow



VISION & HEARING RESOURCES

⇒ Sight For Students

sightforstudents.org (800)877-7195

⇒ New Eyes for the Needy

new-eyes.org

Apply online

⇒ Operation Kid Sight & Lion's Sight & Hearing Foundation applications at nhlions.org

⇒ The Hike Fund

Provides ages 0-20 hearing devices for those with hearing loss

TheHikeFund.org (712)325-0812

⇒ Alexander Graham Bell Association

agbell.org (202)337-5220

⇒ Disabled Children's Relief Fund (DCRF)

P.O. Box 89 Freeport, New York 11520 **(516)377-1605**

⇒ Miracle Ear Children's Foundation

miracle-ear.com (888)596-0065

⇒ Coastal Contacts

cheapest contact lenses/coupons online coastal.com

⇒ Buy Glasses on-line

39dollarglasses.com glassesUSA.com

⇒ Zennioptical.com

can get glasses for under \$20

⇒ Alliance for Hearing Care

(866)956-5400 x 2

⇒ Hear of New Hampshire

(603)206-6800

⇒ Northeast Deaf/Hard of Hearing Services, Inc.

(603)224-1850

ndhhs.org

⇒ Services for Blind and Visually impaired

Future-In-Sight offer transportation, group support, phones – resources for all ages with visual impairments (603)271-3537

futureinsight.org,

⇒ New Hampshire Medicaid

Wellsense, NH Healthy Families, AmeriHealth; may provide coverage for hearing aides and glasses.



ASSISTANCE WITH CLOTHING

Blessed Bargains

400 Main Street, Farmington 2nd & last Saturday of the month 9:30am--2pm (603)755-4816

Salvation Army

28 Signal St, Rochester Mon- Sat 9am-5:30pm **603)332-2698**

SHARE Clothing & Thrift Shop

150 Wakefield Street, Rochester Mon & Wed. 9am -3pm 2nd and 4th Sat of the month. 9am-12pm. 40 free items for families in need with referral letter from community agency. (603)994-3199

E. Rochester Bethany Church

24 Main St, East Rochester Tues & Thurs 10-12pm, Sat 10-1pm (603)332-3618

Goodwill

450 High St Somersworth Mon-Thurs 9am-8pm, Fri and Sat 9-9, Sun 10am-7pm (603)343-5560

Savers

Woodbury Ave adjacent to Fox Run Mall, Newington Mon-Sat 10-9pm & 10-11am, Sun 10-7 (603)427-0814

Seacoast Birthright

278 Washington St, Dover
They may be able to provide layettes for new moms in crisis and occasionally diapers
Mon 6pm-8pm, Wed 2-5pm, Appointment only on off days.
(603)436-5558

WELFARE OFFICES

Barrington: (603) 664-0154

Dover: (603) 516-6500

Durham: (603) 868-8043

Farmington: (603) 755-3100

Lee: (603) 534-9119

Madbury: (603) 742-5131

Milton/Milton Mills: (603) 652-4501 x8

New Durham: (603) 859-0204

Rochester: (603) 332-3505

Rollinsford & Somersworth: (603) 692-9509

Strafford: (603) 664-2192 x107

Middleton: (603) 832-1461

• First parish Church Thrift Store

218 Central Ave, Dover Sat Mornings (603)742-5664

Kid's Closet

Hall at Great Falls
49 Market St, Somersworth
Check Facebook page for more information

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

Individuals ages 3-17 who are in need of a bed/mattress shpbeds.org

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS/REPAIRS

Habitat for Humanity's ReStore

Donated new and reusable building materials such as kitchen cabinets, appliances, doors, windows, flooring, etc. Available at low cost, 29 Fox Run Road, Newington, (next door to Wal-Mart)

Open Tues—Sat 9-5pm, nhrestore.org, (603)750-3200

Operation Blessing

clothing, furniture & more, 600A Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, admin@theobnh.org, (603)430-8561

Community Toolbox

Serves veterans, seniors, people with disabilities and those who have fallen on hard times, referral neededcommtoolbox.org



Community Action

Partnership of Strafford County

(603) 435-2500

Head Start and Early Head Start

Home Visiting

Child Care (Farmington Children's Center)

Nutrition Services

Parent Education

Fuel and Electrical Assistance

Weatherization

Senior Transportation

Food Pantries

Housing Stability Services

Homeless Outreach

Workplace Success

Workplace Development

Visit us at www.straffordcap.org

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ASSISTANCE WITH HEALTH CARE AND PRESCRIPTIONS

⇒ If you can't afford your prescriptions, ask your doctor for samples

⇒ Patient Advocate Foundation

Financial Assistance with Co-Pays with specific diagnoses

patientadvocate.org (800)532-5274

⇒ Wentworth Douglass Hospital

Financial assistance (603)740-3232 Wdhospital.org

⇒ Frisbie Memorial Hospital

Financial assistance (800)849-0829
Frisbiehospital.com

⇒ Prescription Drug Savings Card Program

Save an average of 20%

familywize.org

⇒ Target, Hannaford and Wal-Mart

hundreds of \$4.00 prescriptions, check their websites or ask the pharmacist.

⇒ New Generation, Inc

Transitional shelter for pregnant women and new mothers/babies age 18+ 586 Portsmouth Ave, Greenland Mon-Fri 9-5, Sat 10-4 (603)436-4989 newgennh.org

⇒ Goodwin Community Health

Healthcare for the uninsured and underinsured—adults, elders, children and teens
211 Pto 108 Somoreworth

311 Rte. 108, Somersworth MWF 8-5pm, Tu &Th 8-7pm

goodwinch.org (603)749-2346

⇒ Children's Medicaid

(800) 852-3345

⇒ NH DHHS Rochester Office

NH Medicaid; NH Healthy Families, Wellsense or Ameri Health

dhhs.nh.gov

(603)332-9120 or (800)852-3345

⇒ NH Medication Bridge

healthynh.com (603)225-0900

⇒ Let No Woman be Overlooked

Low income breast and cervical screening

Nhbcc.org (603) 966-0685

⇒ NH Partners in Health (at Community Partners)

Program for children, ages 0-21, with a chronic health condition

(603)516-9300

\Rightarrow Needy Meds

No cost meds to eligible participants **needymeds.org**

⇒ Coupons for low cost medication

GoodRx.com Rxaver.com Singlecare.com

⇒ Recycled Equipment Marketplace (REM)

Clean, refurbished equipment.
Open Mon—Fri 8:30-3:30pm
rem.crotchedmountain.org or shopREM.com
(603)226-2903

⇒ The Joan G. Lovering Health Center

Offers pregnancy resources, contraceptive education, confidential testing and confidential counseling. 559 Portsmouth Ave, Greenland Tu-Th 8:30-4:30pm. Fri 9:15-4:00pm (603)436-7588

Jglhc.org

⇒ Health Market Contact New Hampshire

We can help determine your eligibility, help you pick out a plan, enroll, and show you how to use your new coverage. We can help you apply, complete your enrollment, select a plan, and show you how to use your new coverage. We're funded through a federal grant, so our services are always available at no cost to you

(800)208-5164

Hmcnh.com/coverage-assistance

⇒ NHNavigator

New Hampshire's Health Insurance Helpline 1-877-211-NAVI or (603) 931-3858 acanavigator.com/nh/contact

Healthcare for the Homeless Mobile Health Clinics

Not only for people living in shelters or on the street, but for anyone living in temporary housing, including those "sofa-surfing", living in a campground or a winter rental. Patients seen on the van can pay with Medicaid or other insurance if they have it; if not, there is no charge.

Sponsored by Families First

(603)766 9220

MOBILE HEALTH CARE VAN LOCATIONS

Dover Public Library

46 Locust Street, Dover Mon, 3-5pm

Salvation Army

10 Olde Farm Lane, Rochester Wed, 12-2pm

Community Action Partnership

577 Central Ave Dover Wed, 3-5pm

MORE ASSISTANCE WITH HEALTH CARE AND PRESCRIPTIONS

- ⇒ ServiceLink Strafford County/Aging and Disability Resource Center: seniors 60 and older, and adults 18 and older with a disability or chronic illness, their caregivers, and anyone interested in long term care. Also help with fraud prevention, Medicaid and Medicare counseling. servicelink.org, Community Partners 25 Old Dover Road, Rochester (603)332-7398
- ⇒ Annie's Angels: 501(c)3 non-profit helps families with the financial challenges of life threatening diseases and disabilities through fund raising networks. anniesangels.org, (603) 686-4224
- ⇒ **Transfer prescriptions** to a new grocery or drug store when it offers a gift card for store credit and use that to help pay for prescriptions.
- ⇒ Find the lowest-cost place to purchase prescription drugs: Check not only your local pharmacies, but also local supermarkets, area discount centers and mail order pharmacies.
- ⇒ **Skip the ER**: if you have non-life-threatening medical issues such as fevers, cuts, minor burns or headaches. A more affordable alternative is a walk-in urgent care center open 7 days a week, no appointments necessary. If you are not sure, call the ER and talk to a nurse before hand.
- ⇒ **Free Tests**: Get basic health tests by attending free health fairs in your area. Many drug stores offer free blood pressure checks.
- ⇒ When overnight hospital stays are necessary for your child: ask a social worker about free or discounted housing for the family (i.e. David's House at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center).

ASSISTANCE WITH LEGAL SERVICES

• 603 Legal aid

Free legal assistance to those who meet financial eligibility Mon-Fri 9-1pm

603legalaid.org

(800)639-5290 or (603)224-3333

Disabilities Rights Center

Legal assistance for individuals with disabilities.

Drcnh.org

(603)228-0432

NH Pro Bono Referral Program

Help for low income folks w/non-criminal legal problems and needs

Nhlegalaid.org

(800)639-5290

Domestic Violence Emergency (DOVE) Project

Provides legal assistance to victims of domestic abuse who meet financial eligibility.

Contact local domestic violence support center* for referral (available 24 hrs.)

NH DV hotline: (866)644-3574

NH Sexual Assault hotline: (800)277 5570

• Senior Citizens Legal Advice Line

(888)353-9944

GLAD—Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders

18 Tremont St. Suite 950 Boston, MA

glad.org

(617)426-1350

Strafford County Family Justice Center

Support and resources to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse and stalking Community Center 150 Wakefield Street, Rochester

iscfjc.com

(603)509-1916



Modest Means Legal Program

Legal services at reduced rates

Nhbar.org

The low-income taxpayer project

Referral needed

(603)228-6028

Lawline

Volunteer lawyers provide free legal information over the phone 2nd Wednesday of each month

Larcnh.org (800)868-1212

TRANSPORTATION & CAR ASSSITANCE



NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION **QUICK SUMMARY GUIDE** NH Medicaid FFS & MCO Vendors

Effective 7/1/2022

Type of Transportation Needed	NH DHHS Fee for Service (CTS)	NH Healthy Families (MTM)	WellSense Health Plan (CTS)	AmeriHealth Caritas New Hampshire (CTS)
Routine Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (Non-Urgent)	Call 844-259-4780 to arrangeride 48-Hour Notice Required	Call 888-597-1192 to arrangeride 3-Day Notice Required	Call 844-909-7433 to arrangeride 48-Hour Notice Required	Call 833-301-2264 to arrangeride 48-Hour Notice Required
Urgent Non-Emergency Medical Transportation: Urgent Care or Emergency Room needing a ride home	Call 844-259-4780 to arrangeride 2-Hour Notice Required	Call 888-597-1192 to arrangeride 3-Hour Notice Requested	Call 844-909-7433 to arrange ride 3-Hour Notice Required	Call 833-301-2264 to arrangeride 2-Hour Notice Required
After Hours Non-Emergency Medical Transportation or Hospital Discharge	Call 844-259-4780 Select 'Less than 48 hours' and leave a message Calls generally returned within 1 hour	Call 888-597-1192 Follow prompts to connect to call center	Call 844-909-7433 Select 'Less than 48 hours' and leavea message Calls generally returned within 1 hour	Call 833-301-2264 Select 'within next 2 business days' and leavea message Calls generally returned within 1 hour
Family and Friends Mileage Reimbursement Program Advance Approval Required	Call 844-259-4780 for authorization	Call 888-597-1192 for authorization	Call 844-909-7433 for authorization	Call 833-301-2264 for authorization
Medical provider escalation number for quick response to transportation need or issue	Call 844-259-4780, press Provider prompt (2) for immediate assistance	Call 888-597-1182	Call 844-909-7433, press Provider prompt (1) for immediate assistance	Call 833-301-2264, press Provider prompt (2) for immediate assistance

- To file a complaint, contact the broker directly using their non-Urgent number
- TTY Services and the hearing impaired, call: 7-1-1 or 800-735-2964 (relay New Hampshire).

 Coordinated Transportation Services (CTS): Business Hours, ACNH Monday—Wednesday: 8:00am—8:00pm; Thursday—Friday: 8:00am—6:00pm. / WSHP Monday—Friday 8:00am—8:00 pm / NH DHHS Fee for Service Monday—Friday: 8:00am—5:00pm.
- Medical Transportation Management (MTM): Business Hours, Monday Wednesday: 8:00am 8:00pm; Thursday Fri day: 8:00am 5:00pm; Thursday Fri day: 8:00am 5:00am 5:

Wheelchair Van Services:

For NH Medicaid recipients who need accessible transportation to medical appointments For prior approval contact Client Services at (800)852-3345 x9700

COAST/Alliance for Community Transportation (ACT)/Paratransit

COAST Online community transportation directory that lists a variety of services, including buses, volunteer driver programs for trips to doctor, shopping shuttles, tax services and more (application required)

coastbus.org (603)743-5777

Community Action Partnership of Strafford County Senior Transportation

Transportation to grocery stores and shopping for people 60 and over. Wheelchair accessible and suggested donation of \$2.00

straffordcap.org (603)817-8207

CARE-VAN:

for medical appointments at Wentworth Douglass Hospital (603)740-2520

Granite State Independent Living

may be able to provide van transportation for people with disabilities.

gsil.org (603)228-9680

Rideshare

nh.gov/dot/programs/rideshare/

READY RIDES

Transportation assistance for Barrington, Durham, Lee, Madbury, Newfields, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham, Strafford

ireadyrides.org

- Traveling to CHaD in Lebanon? Check in with the Family Center at the hospital for an Irving gas voucher (603)653-9899
- Gasbuddy:

Find the cheapest gas in your area

gasbuddy.com

Assistance in obtaining a car

freecharitycars.org (603)224-8719

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

 NH Housing Authority (Section 8) nhhfa.org (800)439-7247

Dial 211

NH statewide comprehensive, information and referral service

- Community Action Partnership of Strafford County
 Housing Program, assistance with rent, utilities
 vehicle repairs as funding allows and where
 assistance not available through other sources
 (603)435-2500 or (603)534-1813
- Community Action Partnership Strafford County
 NH Security Deposit Loan Program is assistance
 in the form of a guarantee certificate to the
 landlord and a loan to the client, which must be
 paid back to CAPSC
 (603)534-1813
- Community Action Partnership Strafford County
 Homeless Outreach and Intervention Program
 (HOIP) offers outreach services to unsheltered homeless throughout Strafford County. HOIP is a state-wide initiative designed to help the homeless obtain emergency shelter, provide referrals, and get connected to other emergency services

(603)534-0713

USDA Rural Development
Helps NH families to achieve housing goals with
creative financing and other funds

rd.usda.gov/nh

 Counseling for at-risk homeowners HomeHelpNh.org

• Emergency Housing Home4Hope.com

(603)641-9441 ext. 251

 Subsidized Housing for Elderly and Disabled Stewart Property Management

(603)641-2163

Helping Hands Outreach Center

Provides a safe, sober environment for men in recovery

(603)623-8778

· Veterans Inc.

veteransinc.org (800)482-2565

Seeds of Faith

Community Outreach for those at risk of homelessness, food pantry, clothing, diapers, advocacy 21 Grand St Somersworth

seedsoffaithnh.org

(603)692-3100 (call ahead to make an appt)

Manchester and Seacoast Street Outreach by Waypoint

Provides a safe, supportive resource center and healthy connection for at-risk youth in the community between the ages of 12-22

Manchester: (603)518-4170 Seacoast: (603)828 3385

⇒ Dover Housing Authority: (603) 742-5804
 ⇒ Rochester Housing Authority: (603) 332-4126
 ⇒ Somersworth Housing Authority: (603) 692-2864

HOMELESS EMERGENCY SERVICES

- **Drop-in center:** provides safe, welcoming place for unhoused individuals to connect to supportive services and access care, 9:30 to 4:30 pm Mon-Fri, 577 Central Ave, Dover
- Homeless Center for Strafford County: Referral needed, (603)332-3065
- My Friend's Place: Dover, Referral needed, myfriendsplacenh.org, (603)749-3017
- Crossroads House: Emergency and transitional shelter to Seacoast individuals and families. 600 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, crossroadshouse.org, (603)426-2218, Shelter referrals, (866)444-4211
- **New Generation:** Shelter and support for single mothers and their children in Greenland, Emergency and transition services and aftercare, **newgennh.org**, (603)436-4989
- Seacoast Family Promise: Shelter, case management, and aftercare for families with children who are experiencing homelessness, 27 Hampton Road, Exeter, seacoastfamilypromise.org, (603)658-8448
- HAVEN: Short-term emergency shelter. Provides women and their children with a safe environment to heal from domestic violence and to rebuild their lives, havennh.org, 24 Hour Hotline: (603)994-7233, (603)436-4107 (appt. needed)
- Lydia's House of Hope: Transitional housing & training program for homeless families and single women. lydiashousenh.org, (603)692-3100
- Emergency Assistance: the Emergency Assistance Program helps families get or keep their homes. EA helps pay for rent or utility security deposits, first month's rent, home heating fuel deliveries, or past due rent, mortgage, or utility debts. Families must meet all the eligibility rules for Financial Assistance for Needy Families, dhhs.nh.gov/financial-assistance
- Home Help NH: haf.homehelpnh.org

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Modest Needs Foundation

on-line opportunity for individuals to request financial assistance

modestneeds.org

Rochester Share Fund:

(Roch/Gonic/Farmington/Somersworth residents only)
183 N. Main St

Must call for appt; (603)335-0011

Sharefund.org

• **Dover Share Fund: (**Dover residents only)

PO Box 385

(603)617-6942

• Internet (Comcast)

\$9.95/mo. internet service and inexpensive computers to eligible families. New computers for \$149.99 if eligible and free internet training internetessentials.com

Netwish

A non-profit group of business people who provide a financial helping hand when it is needed the most

netwish.org

Harry Alan Gregg Foundation

Small grants for special equipment or other treatment for individuals with disabilities including camperships. Based on need

Harrygreggfoundation.org

Green Path Financial Wellness

250 Commercial St, Suite 3016, Manchester, NH Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri 9:30-6; Thurs 11:30-6 (603)626-4530 or (800)550-1961 greenpath.com

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families TANF

provides cash assistance to families with dependent children. To qualify, the dependent children must lack parental support or care due to death, continued absence, or because at least one parent in a two-parent home is disabled or incapacitated

dhhs.nh.gov/financial-assistance

 Contact local Town Welfare Office; see page 5 for phone number

HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE

Please call to confirm

Barrington Food Pantry

Holiday food basket & Christmas gift program (603)664-0233

• Dover Residents

Toys for Tots

City Welfare Office at City Hall, 61 Locust St. Suite #334

Dover.nh.gov

(603)516-6000

Somersworth Residents

Tovs for Tots

Somersworth Fire Dept.

(603)692-3457

· Rollinsford, Seeds of Faith Food Pantry

Holiday baskets

(603)692-3100

Durham residents

Toys for Tots

Fire Department

(603)868-5531

Strafford County Community Action Partnership

provides holiday food baskets for eligible individuals and families. (There are application deadlines) (603)435-2500

Check with Welfare offices, your child's school, local police/fire departments regarding food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. If your town is not listed, call the **Salvation Army** (603)332-2623, they may be able to assist you further.

TAX PREPRATION

⇒ IRS—Tax prep assistance IRS.gov (800)906-9887

⇒ Tax highlights for persons with disabilities ask IRS for publ. 907

IRS.gov/pub907



FREE INCOME TAX PREPRATION

Granite United Way's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax preparation to low to moderate income households. VITA is a free tax preparation program available to individuals and families with household incomes up to \$60,000 annually. Two ways to file for free,

Visit nhtaxhelp·org to schedule a virtual appointment with an IRS-certified tax preparer (call 211 if you don't have internet access)

Visit MyFreeTaxes·com to prepare your own return, for free online, with guidance from a toll-free helpline·

MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ASSISTANCE

⇒ National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) NH:

To connect with resources and supports, Mon-Fri 9AM-5PM, (800)242-6264 to leave a confidential message

⇒ Dover Mental Health Alliance/The Community Circle

A support group to connect with others

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month; 5:15 to 6:45pm, McConnell center room 340 dovermentalhealthalliance.org

⇒ NH Rapid Response Access Point

Mental Health or substance use crisis, (833)710-6477

⇒ Crisis text line

Text HOME to 741741 to connect with a volunteer Crisis Counselor

⇒ The Doorway Operated by Wentworth Douglas Hospital

Mental Health or substance use, telephone screening and crisis stabilization, in-person screening and crisis stabilization, evaluation, care planning, facilitated referral, continuous recovery monitoring, Naloxone (Narcan) distribution, & transportation assistance, 798 Central Ave, Dover, call 211

⇒ National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

Call 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones (800)237-TALK (8255)

⇒ Trevor Project

The Trevor Project is the world's largest suicide prevention and crisis intervention organization for LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning) young people. If you are an LGBTQ young person in need of support, reach out to one of our crisis counselors, available 24/7, **text:** 678-678 or call (866)488-7386, **thetrevorproject.org**

⇒ Hope on Haven Hill

Serves pregnant and postpartum women who are homeless or imminently homeless with a substance use disorder, 326 Rochester Hill Rd, Rochester, (603)841-5353; hopeonhavenhill.org

⇒ Psychology Today

A resource to find a local therapist. This tool also makes it easy to find a therapist that specializes in certain areas. There is a filter to search by Insurance; **psychologytoday.com**

⇒ Community Partners Behavioral Health

(603)516-9300, Communitypartnersnh.org Locations in Dover and Rochester

⇒ Great Bay Mental Health

Wentworth Health Partners

15 Old Rollinsford Rd STE 302, Dover, (603)742-9200

⇒ NH Community Behavioral Health Association

website to find mental health services in your town

nhcbha.org/nhcbha-member-locations

⇒ Goodwin Community Health

311 NH-108. Somersworth

NETWORKING RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES RAISING CHILDREN

⇒ Family Connections Program

Connects a family needing support to a family who has been there, 162 Pembroke Road, Concord, (800)499-4153, (603)225-4153, communitybridgesnh.org

⇒ Parent Information Center

Providing families and those who work with them with the resources, information, and training they need to help children thrive, (603)224-7005, (800)947-7005 (NH Only), picnh.org

⇒ New Hampshire Family Voices

Provides free, confidential services to families and professionals caring for children with chronic conditions and or disabilities. (800)852-3345 ext. 4525, (603)271-4525, nhfv.org

ASSISTANCE WITH TELEPHONES

SafeLink

Free cell phone if income eligible safelinkwireless.com (800)723-3546

Link-up

Telephone programs can reduce installation fees and reduce your telephone bills

reegovernmentcellphones.net/states

Call Free Telephone Directory (800)373-3411 or 411

HAIR CARE

Empire Beauty School Low cost Services 456 High St. Somersworth empirebeautyschools.com (603)692-1515



CHILDCARE SUPPORT

Child care scholarship helps with the cost of child care. Parents must be working, looking for work or in a training apply on nheasy.nh.gov

ASSISTANCE WITH PETS

- Reduced fee spaying and neutering and pre-surgery immunizations for pets of NH residents who receive Food Stamps, Medicaid, TANF, APTD, ANB, OAA and/or SSI. Obtain a "Plan B" application from Human Services, NHSPCA, or call Animal Population Control Program at www.nhspca.org/spay-neuter-information (603)772-2921 x147
- Animal Population Control Program: (603)271-3697
- COCHECO Valley Humane Society popememorial cvhs.org (603)749-5322
- **Elderpet** provides various services to low income elders, persons with disabilities and hospice families. Services include limited transportation, pet food assistance, pet grooming, short term pet care, pet medication assistance & consultations elderpet.org, (603)767-6856
- The Pet Fund thepetfund.com
- Care Credit For veterinary services: (800)677-0718
- Tails to Freedom, Inc: Dedicated to educating the community around animal and environmental protection. Provides financial assistance to animals, charities, and pet-owners (603)882-3647
- NH Pet Aid Cat or dog must have an urgent, potentially treatable condition or injury with a favorable prognosis, nhpetaid.org
- Strachpay payment plans for veterinary services. Need to go on website to see which offices participate in this program, Stratchpay.com

ASSISTANCE WITH RECREATION

FREE passes to local and out of state museums may be available through your local library



NH Fish and Game Department offers several hunting and fishing permits for people with physical disabilities. Free or nominal fee, (603)271-3422

Check with your local Town/city recreation departments: scholarships may be available for eligible children.

Children's Museum of NH: Henry Law Park, 6 Washington Street, Dover (603)742-2002

Harry Alan Gregg Foundation: Small grants for special equipment or other treatment for individuals with disabilities including camperships; crotchedmountain.org, (603)547-1490

Rekindling curiosity: Department of Education: up to \$650.00 in camp fees rekindling curiosity education.nh.gov



MORE GREAT RESOURCES

Strafford County Public Health Network

In person and virtual parenting classes, play groups, support groups, senior groups, and home visiting (603)994-6367

Social Security Administration

SSI and SSDI

215 Commerce Way, Portsmouth

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9-4; Weds 9-12.

ssa.gov

(800)772-1213

NH Department of Health and Human Services

Medicaid, MEAD, APTD, Food Stamps, QMBY, TANF, & Child Support

150 Wakefield St, Rochester M-F 8-4

Can apply on nheasy.nh.gov

Child Protection Services & Bureau of Adult and Elderly Services

dhhs.nh.gov

(603)332-9120

NH Employment Security

6 Marsh Brook Dr, Somersworth

M-F 8:30-4:30

nhworks.org

(603)742-3600

• 211 Info line

(Dial 211 from any NH Phone)

211nh.org

Seacoast Outright

Serving LGBTQIA+ Youth

25 Highland Street, Portsmouth

(603)552-5824

• Benefits Checkup for Seniors

nhla.org

Veteran's Affairs Regional Office

(800)827-1000

Catholic Charities

Assessment, case management, financial education, support groups

23 Grant St, Rochester

(603)332-7701

Strafford County Child Advocacy Center

259 County Farm Road, Suite 201, Dover

(603)516-8100

straffordcountycac.org

Northeast Passage

Seasonal adaptive sports

(603)862-0070

Nepassage.org

NH Special Olympics

(603)624-1250

Sonh.org

NH Family Caregiver Support Program

Information about community programs and local resources, respite services, education and training opportunities, and access to support groups

(866)634-9412

Servicelink.nh.gov/about-us/nhfcsp/htm

Institute on Disability

University of New Hampshire

(603)862-4320 ext. 711



YOUR CREDIT SCORE....

What is a **credit score?** It's a number representing the creditworthiness of a person, the likelihood that person will pay his or her debts. Lenders use credit scores to evaluate the potential risk posed by lending money to consumers.

35% — Payment History: Bills paid on time will improve your score.

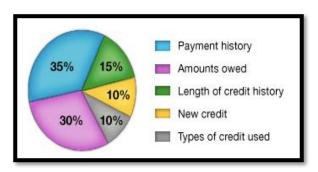
30% — **Credit Utilization:** The ratio of current revolving debt (such as credit card balances) to the total available credit limit. The lower the ratio, the better your credit.

15% — **Length of Credit History:** A long credit history can have a positive impact on your score.

10% — **Types of Credit Used:** You can benefit by having a history of managing different types of credit, such as mortgage, credit card, car loan.

10% — Recent Searches for Credit: Inquiries, which occur when you are seeking new credit, can hurt scores.

For instant access to your FREE credit report, visit annualcreditreport.com & creditkarma.com for your credit score.



CATEGORY	SCORE
Excellent (30% of People)	750 - 850
Good (13% of People)	700 - 749
Fair (18% of People)	650 - 699
Poor (34% of People)	550 - 649
BAD (16% of People)	350 - 549



A GOOD CREDIT CAN....

- ⇒ Save you thousands of dollars, even tens of thousands of dollars on interest payments for car loans, home loans, other debt, etc.
- ⇒ Lower the cost of premiums for things like auto insurance!
- \Rightarrow Help you get a job.
- \Rightarrow Help you to rent an apartment.
- ⇒ Increase chances for loan approval or approval for other credit cards.
- ⇒ Give you more negotiating power!
- ⇒ Enable you to buy a cell phone without having to put down a security deposit.
- ⇒ Give you access to locking in lower utility rates.

WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR SCORE...

- ⇒ Pull Your Credit Report: Be sure to use a credible site like annualcreditreport.com
- ⇒ Improve Payment History: If you have missed payments, get current and stay current! The longer those bills sit, the larger long-term impact that debt will have on your credit score!
- ⇒ Pay Down Balances to Improve Your Credit Utilization: High outstanding debt can decrease your credit score.
- ⇒ Keep Credit Amounts As Long As You Can: Pay off debt and work through it with fewer cards by meeting monthly minimum payments, rather than opening a new card.
- ⇒ Don't Open Too Many New Credit Accounts Right Away!: Sometimes, having too many credit cards can backfire! Try to avoid this.

Consumer Credit Counseling: Free budget, debt, and housing counseling (800)327-6778

FREE COVID TEST

- Check with your health insurance to see if they provide free covid test
- ⇒ Check the following website, governor.nh.gov/news-and -media/free-home-rapid-covid-19-tests-now-available- new-hampshire-residents, to learn if more test are available in your area.
- ⇒ special.usps.com/testkits
- Check your local pharmacy to see if they provide Covid testing



New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation

> (888)747-23-82 ext. 119 Nhheaf.org

- ⇒ NH Charitable Foundation (603)225-6641 Nhcf.org
- ⇒ Federal Student Aid studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa
- Check with your child's school for a list community scholarships to apply for

EDUCATION SUPPORTS

⇒ Preschool Special Education

NH Department of Education, Early Childhood Education

(603)271-2178

Education.nh.gov

⇒ Early Headstart and Headstart

Federal program that promotes the school readiness of children from birth to age five from low-income families by enhancing their cognitive, social, and emotional development.

(603)435-2500

Straffordcap.org/head-start

⇒ Early Supports and Services (birth to age 3)

Family support, education, vision services, hearing services, health and nursing services. Service coordination, speech and language therapy, Occupational therapy, physical therapy and evaluation services.

Community Partners, Dover

(603)516-9300

communitypartnersnh.org/early-supports

⇒ Spectrum Connection:

An autism treatment clinic located in Rochester, New Hampshire. Services are typically funded by Medicaid or private insurance. Individualized programs are developed based on each learner's specific needs.

Community Partners, Dover

(603)516-9300

communitypartnersnh.org/applied-behavioral-services

⇒ NH Department of Education

(603)271-3494

Education.nh.gov

⇒ Bureau of Special Education

(603)271-3791

Education.nh.gov

DISCOUNTED RESTAURANT COUPONS

restaurant.com for coupons to a variety of local restaurants. **nhdollarsaver.com** for coupons for restaurants and recreation



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