I would like to learn new job skills or find a job.
Job Center
715-422-5000
www.jobcenterofwisconsin.com
www.dwd.wisconsin.gov
Local and statewide job openings, resumes and cover letters, state and federal civil service internet sites, job search techniques, etc.

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
715-422-5050, 1-800-228-1903
www.dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr
Provides services for individuals with disabilities to obtain, maintain or improve employment.

Mid-State Technical College
1-888-575-6782
www.mstc.edu
Higher education provider of associate degrees, technical diplomas, and certificates in a wide variety of in-demand fields.

I need credit counseling to help me balance my budget.
Extension - Wood County
715-421-8437, wood.extension.wisc.edu
Helps residents acquire knowledge and resources; then evaluate and apply positive financial decisions to develop financial security.

Catholic Charities St. Lawrence Community Services
715-849-3311, www.cclse.org
Provides help with debt problems. Also provides bankruptcy & foreclosure counseling, and home buyer education.

I need help with my taxes.
AARP Tax Service at the Lowell Center
715-422-2778 (Available February-April)
Free, individualized tax preparation for low- to moderate-income taxpayers, especially those 60 and older. Appointments required.

I need counseling.
Wood County Human Services
715-421-8840
Mental health, alcohol/drug abuse services for Wood Co. residents.

Compass Counseling
715-712-1523, www.compasscounsels.com
Offers counseling for children and adults. Accepts BadgerCare.

I think I am in a crisis situation.
Wood County Crisis Intervention - Human Services
715-421-2345 Crisis Line
Crisis phone services available 24/7.

I’m in an abusive relationship; or have been sexually assaulted.
The Family Center, Inc.
24 Hour Crisis Line 715-421-1511, www.familyctr.org
Services to assist individuals and families experiencing domestic or sexual violence. Includes safety planning, counseling, advocacy services and safe shelter. Services are free and confidential.

What resources are there for aging and disabled individuals?
Aging & Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin
Serves adults 60+ and individuals with disabilities who are over 18 years. Promotes independence with information, counseling, advocacy, etc. Also serves families, caregivers and friends.

I need respite care for a loved one.
Park Place Adult Day Services
715-422-2795, www.ppads.org
Serves any vulnerable or dependent adult. Primary goals are to stimulate the mind and senses of the client while providing respite for caregivers.

I would like to volunteer. How do I get started?
United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties’ Volunteer Center
715-421-0390, www.volunteerunitedway.org
Volunteering looks great on job and college applications.

Where can I find a prescription discount card?
United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties
715-421-0390, www.uwswac.org/familywize
Cut this out and place in your wallet for immediate use. Or text “family” to 700700 to have information sent to you.

Additional 2-1-1 materials are available. If your business, church or organization would like to distribute 2-1-1 materials, call 2-1-1 or visit uwswac.org/2-1-1.
What number do I call if I don’t see the information I need here?
United Way’s 2-1-1
On your phone, dial 2-1-1 or 1-877-947-2211
www.uwswac.org/2-1-1
Text your zip code to 989211
Information and referral program that maintains a database of community resources and connects callers with questions to the proper services/organizations. Free and confidential; available 24/7.

How do I apply for Unemployment?
Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development
Must apply online at https://my.unemployment.wisconsin.gov
Call the Job Center at 715-422-5000 with questions.

I do not have access to health insurance.
Northern Income Maintenance Consortium
1-888-794-5722
www.access.wisconsin.gov
Badger Care Plus provides health insurance to: children under 19, adults 19-64 who are not receiving Medicare, pregnant women, parents/relatives caring for a child, foster parents, young adults leaving out-of-home care, farmers/self-employed parents. Eligibility is based on income. Wisconsin’s Medicaid provides health care for 65+, blind or disabled with income and asset limits.

Where can I locate subsidized housing or rental assistance?
Housing Authority – Wisconsin Rapids
715-423-7288, www.wisrapha.org
Provides subsidized housing at various locations for eligible low-income families, the elderly/50+, and/or handicapped persons in the Wisconsin Rapids area. Subsidized rental assistance is also available for eligible persons and families with low income.

North Central Community Action Program
715-424-2581
www.northcentralcap.org
Emergency housing payment assistance.

Forward Services Corporation - Wisconsin Rapids
715-422-5000
Families in need with a child may receive Emergency Assistance to help keep their home. Families must have a current financial crisis and an emergency of impending homelessness with an eviction notice. Also, families can apply for the Wisconsin Works W-2 Program.

I can’t afford to pay my utilities.
Wood County Human Services Energy Assistance Program
715-421-8690 Outreach Information
715-421-8659 Energy Crisis Line (leave a message)
715-421-8600 Any Further Questions
Purchase or repair heating units, or assist with utility bills or bulk fuel.

Catholic Charities St. Lawrence Community Services
715-849-3311, www.cclsse.org
Assists with utility bills. Income eligibility requirements. Applications online at www.cclsse.org.

Forward Services Corporation-Wisconsin Rapids
715-422-5000
Emergency Assistance may provide utility assistance to families in need with a child that have a disconnection notice.

Is there a community meal site?
The Neighborhood Table
715-422-1900 For information, www.theneighborhoodtable.org
A free meal for anyone in need. Dinners are 4:30pm - 6:00pm every Thurs.; and the last two Tues. of every month at United Methodist Church (441 Garfield St., Wisconsin Rapids). Take-out meals available on Thurs. by calling 715-422-1980 by noon on Thurs.

Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin - Senior Meal Sites
Senior meal sites are Mon. - Fri. in Wisconsin Rapids; Tues. and Thurs. at the Nekoosa Community Center. Suggested contribution for those 60 and older: meal site $3.75; Meals on Wheels $4.50.

Where can I go for food?
South Wood Emerging Pantry Shelf (SWEPS)
715-422-2050, www.swepspantry.org
Provides food for families and individuals in need. Applicants are screened for income. Hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 12:00pm - 4:00pm; and Tuesday 4:00pm - 7:00pm. SWEPS also has an infant pantry and a personal essentials pantry. Personal essential provided upon availability.

FoodShare - Northern Income Maintenance Consortium
1-888-794-5722, www.access.wisconsin.gov
Determines eligibility for individuals and families for FoodShare (formerly called food stamps), which is used to buy nutritious food.

WIC - Wood County Health Department
715-421-8950
http://www.co.wood.wi.us/Departments/Health/WIC.aspx
Provides nutrition education, breastfeeding support, healthy foods and healthcare referrals for pregnant, breastfeeding, or postpartum women; infants; children; and foster children up to age five.

Christian Life Fellowship
715-887-3565, www.clfonline.org
Provides a limited amount of food in a crisis situation. Open Tues. 6:30pm – 8:00pm and Thurs. 1:00pm - 3:00pm.

Where can I go for clothing?
Career Closet
715-424-7544
Provides men, women and students in need of appropriate clothing for job interviews and new jobs at no cost.

The Caring Closet
715-424-6777 ext. 2308
Public school staff (counselors/social workers) in Wisconsin Rapids have access to clothing, school supplies, etc. Students needing these items should contact their counselor/social worker.

The Shepherd’s Loft at Baker Street Wesleyan Church
715-421-5335
Provides free household items and clothing. No screening process. Open Tuesday and Friday 9am - 12pm or by appointment.

I need to find child care.
Childcaring, Inc.
715-841-9490 or 1-800-628-8534, www.childcaring.org
Assists parents in their search for child care. Referrals to certified/licensed child care, informational materials available, etc. A scholarship program helps low-income families pay for child care.

Where can I get help with child care expenses?
Northern Income Maintenance Consortium
1-888-794-5722, www.access.wisconsin.gov
Determines eligibility for MyWIChildCare, which helps families pay for child care.

How do I help fight addiction?
Wisconsin Addiction Recovery Helpline
1-833-944-4673, www.addictionhelpli.org
Statewide resource for finding substance use treatment and recovery services.

I’d like to improve my reading / English skills.
Mid-State Technical College
1-888-575-6782, www.mstc.edu
English Language Learner (ELL) classes help individuals learn English and skills needed in American culture and society.

I can’t afford a cell phone.
enTouch Wireless
Contact United Way’s 2-1-1 to find out how to apply
Program offers free wireless cell phone minutes to eligible individuals. Must have own phone.