
INFORMATION AND REFERRAL RESOURCE GUIDE

Dakota County Community
Development Agency

Dakota County



WHO can help me?

WHERE should I go?

WHY is it that way?

HOW can I fix this problem?

WHAT are my options?

MAKE THE CALL!

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GENERAL HELP AND INFORMATION SERVICES

FIRST CALL FOR HELP – UNITED WAY 211 211

United Way 211 provides free, confidential information & referral services. Cell phone users call 651-291-0211 or toll free 1-800-543-7709.

CAP AGENCY (Scott, Carver, Dakota County) 651-322 3500

2496 145th St. W.
Rosemount, MN 55068
www.capagency.org

Senior Dining, Energy Assistance, Housing Location Services, Housing Crisis Assistance, Head Start, Child Care, Getting There personal vehicle transportation program, Thrift Shop for all of Dakota County.

360 COMMUNITIES 952-985-5300

501 East Highway 13, Suite 102
Burnsville, MN 55337
www.360communities.org

360 Communities provides 24 Hour Information and Referral and a variety of community services.

Serves: Eagan, Burnsville, Apple Valley, Rosemount, Lakeville, Farmington, Empire, Vermillion, Marshan, Eureka, Castle Rock, Hampton, Douglas, Greenvale, and Randolph.

NEIGHBORS, INC. 651-455-1508

222 Grand Avenue West
South St. Paul, MN 55075
www.neighborsmn.org

Provides emergency assistance, food, clothing, transportation, and emergency cash assistance, and information and referral on community services.

Serves: South St. Paul, West St. Paul, Inver Grove Heights, Lilydale, Sunfish Lake, Mendota, and Mendota Heights

HASTINGS FAMILY SERVICE

651-437-7134

301 Second Street East
Hastings, MN 55033

www.hastingsfamilyservice.org

Provides referrals, emergency assistance, food, clothing, school supply assistance, furniture, and holiday assistance. *Serves residents of Independent School District 200 (Hastings, Vermillion, Welch, Hampton, Miesville, Marshan, Nininger, and Ravenna Townships).*

UNIVERSITY OF MN EXTENSION

Research based educational programs and products help families make informed decisions for better health, financial security, and well-being.

Visit: www.extension.umn.edu/Family/

CHILD INFORMATION

EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION (E.C.F.E.)

WWW.ECFE.INFO

- District 196 952-431-8340
 - *Serves Apple Valley, Rosemount, Eagan* 952-431-8343
- District 191 952-707-4150
 - *Serves Burnsville, Eagan, Savage*
- District 192 651-463-6432
 - *Serves Farmington*
- District 194 952-469-7395
 - *Serves Lakeville*
- District 197 651-405-2480
 - *Serves West St. Paul, Mendota Heights, Inver Grove Heights, Lilydale, Eagan, Sunfish Lake, Mendota*
- District 200 651-437-6111
 - *Serves Hastings*

HEAD START 651-322-3500

Dakota County – CAP Agency, Inc.
2496 145th St. W.
Rosemount, MN 55068

www.capagency.org/programs-2/education/head-start/

A comprehensive pre-school program designed to promote the growth and development of children for low-income families.

CHILD CARE INFORMATION

MN CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL NETWORK 1-888-291-9811

www.mnchildcare.org

651-290-9704

THINKSMALL

www.thinksmall.org

651-641-0305

DAKOTA COUNTY CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE

651-554-5611

Child care for low income families going to school, work, or job searching.

www.co.dakota.mn.us/HealthFamily/PublicAssistance/Childcare/Pages/default.aspx

FINANCIAL COUNSELING

LSS FINANCIAL COUNSELING SERVICE

1-800-582-5260

www.lssmn.org

Lutheran Social Services (LSS) promotes financial education through workshops and classes on: Money Management, Budget Counseling, Debt Management, Consumer Protection, Building Good Credit, Saving and Investing, and Counseling that concerns Housing, Bankruptcy, Reverse Mortgage or Credit Reports.

CRISIS SERVICES

DAKOTA COUNTY CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT

952-891- 7171

www.co.dakota.mn.us/healthfamily/handlingemergencies/help/pages/default.aspx

The main goal of the Crisis Response Unit is to stabilize an immediate crisis and can provide such services as: telephone counseling, emergency food or shelter, and suicide prevention. Serves all Dakota County Residents 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week.

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

DAKOTA COUNTY ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

651-554-5611

1 Mendota Rd. W., West St. Paul

www.co.dakota.mn.us/healthfamily/publicassistance/pages/default.aspx

Dakota County administers many state and federal programs that provide aid for those in need. There are many different types of assistance programs that help with medical care, food, childcare and much more.

- Food Programs
- Medical Assistance
- Cash & Emergency Assistance
- Housing Assistance
- Child Care Assistance
- Data Privacy
- Report Fraud
- Overpayment Collections
- Forms

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SERVICES

MINNESOTA WORKFORCE CENTERS

www.mnwfc.org

- West St. Paul 651-554-5955
 - Dakotacowest.wfc@state.mn.us
- Burnsville 952-703-3100
 - Dakotacowest.wfc@state.mn.us

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

Career Planning, Vocational Counseling, Support Services, Training and Retraining, ETC
Job Club Series, Job Search Skills Workshop, On-the-job Training, Placement
Services...**FREE.**

WORKING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN

651-647-9961

www.careersolutionsinc.org

Displaced Homemaker Program—for people who need to make the change from homemaking to paid employment. The program helps you develop career and education plans and learn effective job-seeking skills. In a supportive environment the counseling staff will assist you.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

CAP AGENCY

651-322-3500

DAKOTA COUNTY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

651-554-5611

SALVATION ARMY HEAT SHARE

651-746-3400

FAMILY SELF SUFFICIENCY

A program established by Dakota County CDA and HUD to promote economic self-sufficiency among HCV (Section 8) participants. FSS offers a financial incentive to participants who successfully complete a Contract of Participation. Once you begin your Contract, any time that your **earned** income increases **and** your rent portion increases, money will be put into an escrow account for you to access upon obtaining full-time employment and being off all forms of welfare assistance.

FSS COORDINATOR

651-675-4536

DAKOTA COUNTY CDA

HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE

HOME STRECH HOMEBUYER EDUCATION 651-675-4472

Home Stretch teaches potential homebuyers about the entire home buying process and the responsibilities of homeownership. Topics covered include: Budgeting and Credit Issues, Financing and Qualifying for a Home, Shopping for a Home, The Purchase Process, Closing on a Home and Life as a Homeowner.

CDA HOMEBUYER HOTLINE 651-675-4472

CDA MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE HOTLINE 651-675-4555

For a complete list of CDA homeownership programs and services visit:

www.dakotacda.org/homebuyers.htm

FOOD

MN FOOD HELPLINE 1-888-711-1151

A helpline to enroll low-income Minnesotan's in the Food Support Program and help callers find emergency food assistance.

www.hungersolutions.org

360 COMMUNITIES - FOOD PANTRY 952-985-5300

www.communityactioncouncil.org

Serves Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan, Farmington, Lakeville and Rosemount.

NEIGHBORS, INC. 651-455-5000

www.neighborsmn.org

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Hastings, MN 55033

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FARE FOR ALL

763-450-3880

Cooperative food purchasing allows consumers to buy food at discounted prices. No income eligibility requirements. More information can be found at: www.fareforall.org

EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF NETWORK

763-450-3860

Visit: www.emergencyfoodshelf.org

TRANSPORTATION

D.A.R.T.S.

651-455-1560

1645 Marthaler Lane
West St. Paul, MN 55118
www.darts1.org

Transportation services for senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

HEALTH/MEDICAL

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

651-554-5611

Contact for low income households for assistance with paying medical expenses. Certain requirements apply.

M.A.E.P.D.

651-554-5611

Medical Assistance for Employed Persons with Disabilities. For persons receiving RSDI and working as well as previously/currently participating in the spend down program. Allows participants to enjoy the same benefits held under the spend down program without a monthly rate or spend down amount, as long as they collect one pay check a month.

DAKOTA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

Western Service Center
14955 Galaxie Ave.
Apple Valley, MN 55124-8579
952-891-7500

Northern Service Center
1 Mendota Rd.
West St. Paul, MN 55118
651-554-6100

Maternal and Child health, Public Health Nursing Service, Emergency Medical Services, Homemaker-Home health aide.

MINNESOTA CARE

651-297-3862

444 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155

Health care coverage for eligible families.

SENIOR DRUG PROGRAM – SENIOR LINKAGE LINE

1-800-333-2433

The Senior Drug Program can help you pay for your prescription drugs if you are: age 65 or over, have been a MN resident for six months, you have income and assets within guidelines, and you receive or apply for Qualified Medicare Beneficiary or Service Limited Medicare Beneficiary (contact 651-450-2611 for information on these Medicare programs).

HOUSING SERVICES

AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING INFORMATION

For vacancy listings and other affordable housing resources visit: www.housinglink.org

DAKOTA COUNTY CDA

651-675-4400

Contact the CDA for a copy of a vacancy listing or visit www.dakotacda.org

DAKOTA COUNTY SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNIT

651-554-5751

Provides advocacy and case management to families in Dakota County that are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Information and referral, housing lists, transitional housing.

LANDLORD/TENANT RELATIONS; LEGAL SERVICES

SOUTHERN MINNESOTA REGIONAL LEGAL SERVICE (SMLRS) 651-222-5863

Legal services to low-income residents

HOME LINE

612-728-5767

A non-profit organization, provides free advice and information to Minnesota tenants about their rights. Calls are confidential.

ST. PAUL ASSOCIATION OF RESPONSIBLE LANDLORDS (SPARL)
651-221-0501
1595 Selby Avenue, #104
St. Paul, MN 55102

DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER 651-292-7791

LANDLORD AND TENANTS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES 651-296-3353
For a copy of a handbook contact via phone, or send a written request to:

*Attorneys General's Office
1400 NCL Tower
St. Paul, MN 55101*

HUD 612-370-3000
*920 2nd Ave. S. Ste. 1300
South Minneapolis, MN 55402*

LEAD BASE PAINT INFORMATION

DAKOTA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

- Western Service Center 952-891-7500
- Northern Service Center 651-554-6100

POISON CONTROL 1-800-222-1222

SENIOR INFORMATION

D.A.R.T.S. 651-455-1560
*1645 Marthaler Lane
West St. Paul, MN 55118*

SENIOR LINKAGE LINE 1-800-333-2433
Information and referral services

SENIOR FEDERATION 651-645-0261
Call for a directory of Senior Housing Developments

MEALS ON WHEELS 612-623-3363
To find the Local Meals on Wheels which serves the city in Dakota County that you live call the number listed above.

CAP AGENCY 651-322-3500
2496 145th St. W.
Rosemount, MN 55068

SHELTERS

B. Robert Lewis House – 360 Communities 952-985-5300
Shelter for physically or emotionally abused women and children. Serves residents of Dakota County. Hours: Open 24 hours a day.

*4345 Nichols Road
Eagan, MN 55122*

DAKOTA WOODLANDS 651-456-9110
Single and single pregnant women and women with children who need a place to live. Serves Dakota County residents. Hours: Open 24 hour a day.

*3430 Wescott Hills Drive
Eagan, MN 55123*

FOR INFORMATION ON FMR/PAYMENT STANDARDS AND UTILITY ALLOWANCES
OUTSIDE OF DAKOTA COUNTY VISIT WWW.HOUSINGLINK.ORG OR CONTACT:

<i>AGENCY</i>	<i>PHONE/FAX</i>
Bloomington HRA Bloomington Civic Plaza 1800 W. Old Shakopee Rd Bloomington, MN 55431	952-563-8937 FAX: 952- 563-4977
Metro HRA 390 Robert St N St. Paul, MN 55101	651-602-1428
Minneapolis PHA 1001 Washington Ave. No. Minneapolis, MN 55101	612-342-1400
Plymouth HRA 3400 Plymouth Blvd. Plymouth, MN 55447	763-509-5412 FAX: 763- 509-5407
Richfield HRA 6700 Portland Avenue Richfield, MN 55423	612-861-9702
St. Louis Park HA 5005 Minnetonka Blvd. St. Louis Park, MN 55416	952-924-2579
St. Paul PHA 555 N. Wabasha St. Ste 400 St. Paul, MN 55102	651-298-5664
Scott County HRA 323 So. Naumkeag Shakopee, MN 55379	952-402-9022 952-402-9022 FAX: 952- 496-2852
South St. Paul HRA 125 Third Avenue North South St. Paul, MN 55075	651-554-3270 FAX: 651-554-3271
Washington County HRA 7645 Currell Blvd. Woodbury, MN 55125	651-458-0936 FAX: 651- 458-1696

For a complete list of Minnesota Housing Authorities, Payment standards and Portability information, visit: www.housinglink.org