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Find our newsletters online at:
www.211ashtabula.org/newsletters

Community Needs Assessment Survey

"To provide the right help, you have to know the real need."

Help us to identify the real needs in our community. Every 3 years Community Action conducts a survey to get input on what issues people are dealing with. We use this feedback to find ways to assist with those problems.

Survey closes on March 26th. If you haven't already, please take a few minutes and complete the survey. Also, share the link with your family and friends... the more input we get the better!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AshtabulaCountyNeeds>





Upcoming Mobile Food Pantries

The mobile food pantry program provides a produce give away in multiple places in the county. For more information please call 2-1-1 for your local food pantry information.

Friday, March 26th
 Andover First United Methodist Church
 181 South Main Street
 Andover, OH
 10:00 am–12:00 pm

Farmers to Families

Country Neighbor is holding another produce and dairy giveaway.

Friday March 26th from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. (or until out, whichever occurs first). At the Dragon Empowerment Center, Huron Elementary School bus loop entrance 2300 Wade Avenue, Ashtabula, Ohio 44004.

Individuals must be Ashtabula County residents under 230% of poverty. (See chart below)

**Looking for your local food pantry?
 Need to know where you can go for a hot meal?
 Call 2-1-1.
 Or text your zip code to TXT211 (898211)**

Easter Dinner

Lake Erie Cremation and Funeral Services is providing a hot, to-go Easter dinner. The dinner will be available to be picked up on April 2, 2021 from 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm. Pick up will be at 1500 Harpersfield Road, Geneva, Ohio.

Those interested can call 440-361-2273 to reserve meals for themselves and their family.

The meal will consist of sliced ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cinnamon apples, and a roll with butter.



HOUSEHOLD SIZE	INCOME		
	YEAR	MONTH	WEEK
1	\$28,727	\$2,394	\$552
2	\$38,893	\$3,242	\$748
3	\$49,059	\$4,089	\$943
4	\$59,225	\$4,936	\$1,139
5	\$69,391	\$5,783	\$1,334
6	\$79,557	\$6,630	\$1,530
7	\$89,723	\$7,477	\$1,725
8	\$99,889	\$8,325	\$1,921
9	\$110,055	\$9,173	\$2,116
10	\$120,221	\$10,021	\$2,312
FOR EACH ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLD MEMBER ADD	\$10,166	\$848	\$196



VIRTUAL MONEY SKILL WORKSHOPS

Has your income been affected by COVID-19? If so, join us for a *FREE 6-week virtual class to help build money skills.

GIFT CARDS PROVIDED FOR ATTENDANCE!

Classes will be held Wednesdays, from April 7 - May 12, 2021 from 2:30-4PM

Contact Allison to register at:
440-990-1734 or
amascatelli@accaa.org

*Classes are free to income eligible households, please call to inquire.



Tax Deadline Extended to May 17th

The Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service has announced that the federal income tax filing due date for individuals for the 2020 tax year will be automatically extended from April 15, 2021, to May 17, 2021.

Taxpayers can also delay payment of any money owed the IRS until May 17. If clients still need more time to submit their returns, they can request an extension until Oct. 15.

Transportation Available for Vaccine Appointments

Ashtabula County Department of Job and Family Services is offering **free** transportation to and from vaccine appointments.

Individuals in need of transportation to a vaccine appointment in Ashtabula County can call 992-4411 to schedule their ride.

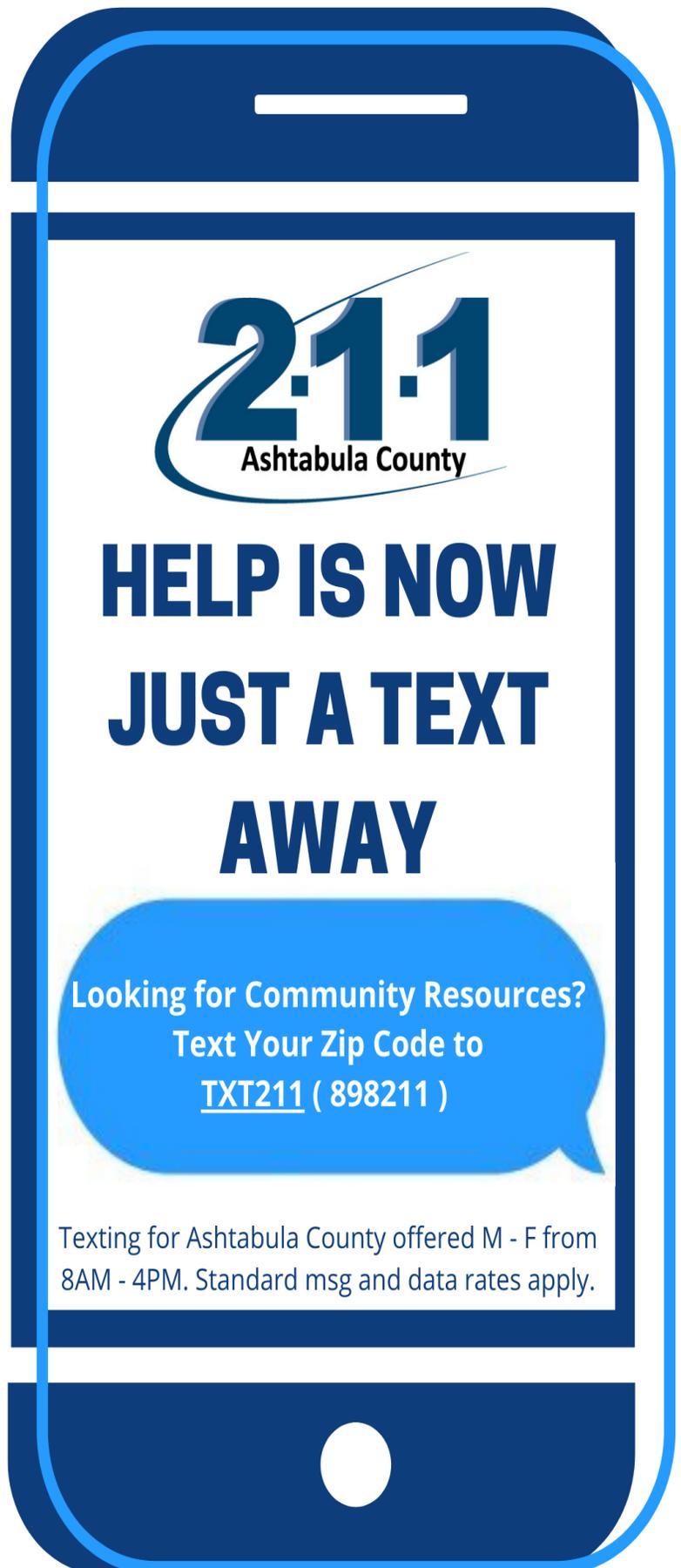
Callers will need to provide their first and last name, their address, and the address of the location where they will be getting vaccinated. They will also need to give the date and time of the appointment.

G.O. Community Development Corporation Adds New Program

Starting on March 11, 2021, G.O. Community Development Corporation is hosting a small household appliance distribution.

This distribution will be an on-going weekly event done on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00AM-2:00PM as long as supplies last. They will be distributing small items like, toasters, heaters, Keurigs, humidifiers, bedding and more. There is a limit of 1 item per month. Interested parties are asked to bring a utility bill and matching Identification Card.

G.O. Community Development Corporation can be reached at 440-997-0040 for questions.



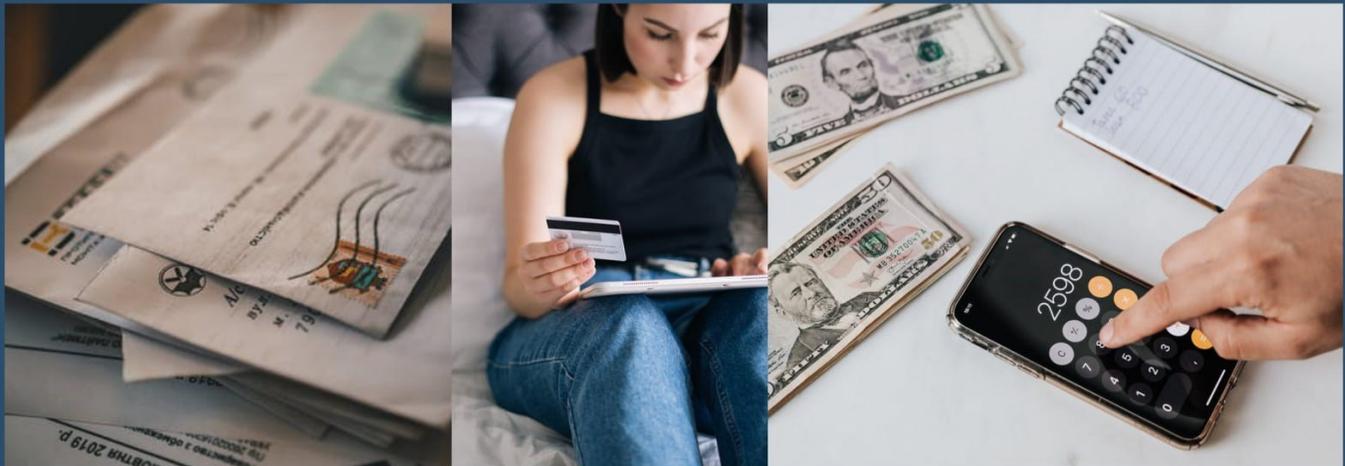
**HELP IS NOW
JUST A TEXT
AWAY**

**Looking for Community Resources?
Text Your Zip Code to
TXT211 (898211)**

Texting for Ashtabula County offered M - F from
8AM - 4PM. Standard msg and data rates apply.

Help is available for Rent, Mortgage, and Utilities

Have you been impacted by COVID-19?



You may qualify for the...

CARES '21 Home Relief

We know many of our local families are dealing with difficult situations due to the Coronavirus pandemic. We have a special program available to help.

Utility Bill Assistance:
Electric * Gas * Water
Sewer * Trash
Rent Assistance
Mortgage Assistance

Visit www.accaa.org or call 440-990-1740 for details
Complete the Application Packet
Submit the Required Documents
Staff will call to schedule an appointment
Be available by phone at the time of your appointment



440-990-1740
or call 2-1-1 for more
information

Ask about Rise Above COVID Assistance and other programs available to help you.
Eligibility varies by program– the application process will identify the program you qualify for.

CARES '21 Home Relief



The Application Packet is available for download on our website... www.accaa.org

Or call 2-1-1 or 440-990-1740 to request a packet

What information will I need to provide?

- ◆ Community Service Block Grant – Customer Intake Application Form
- ◆ Customer Assistance Request Related to COVID-19 Pandemic Form
- ◆ Documentation of economic hardship due to COVID-19 (such as documentation showing reduction in job hours or job loss, medical hardship, or other factors that caused a household to be unable to meet basic needs because of the pandemic.)
- ◆ Duplication of Benefits Form
- ◆ Photo ID for primary applicant
- ◆ Proof of income for all household members 18 years or older for the past 30 days or 2020 annual
 - For seasonal or self-employed individuals, please provide proof of income for 12 months
 - Household member (s) 18+ that have no income, must fill out the Self-Declaration of Income Form
- ◆ Landlord contact information, Landlord Verification and Agreement for Program Participation Form, Eviction or past due rent notice, copy of lease agreement, Landlord W-9 Form
- ◆ Notice of late mortgage payment(s), Release of Information Form, Mortgage Company W-9 Form
- ◆ Copy of utility bill (s) showing disconnect, shut off or past due

What will I need to provide during my appointment?

- ◆ Verification of Names, Dates of Birth, and Social Security Numbers of all household members
- ◆ Explanation of hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Submit Your Required Documents:

Scanned and Emailed To: caresrelief@accaa.org

Faxed To:
440-997-6162

Mailed To:
ACCAA-CARES
4200 State Road
Ashtabula, OH 44004

Drop Off At The Following:
4200 State Road, Ashtabula
(8 am-4 pm M-F or after hours drop box)
(Please mark them "CARES Relief")

Ashtabula County 80%Area Median Income (AMI) April 2020-March 2021

Annual Limits - Household Size							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
\$36,500	\$41,700	\$46,900	\$52,100	\$56,300	\$60,450	\$64,650	\$68,800

Need help completing the application forms... call
440-990-1740

Visit our website for details and helpful instructions about how to complete the Application Packet

www.accaa.org



-WINTER CRISIS-

Utility Assistance

Available now through **MARCH 31st!**

If you
or someone you know

- Has a disconnection Notice
- Is disconnected
- Needs to establish new service or pay a transfer of service charge
- Has 25% or less of the fuel capacity of their tank

For guidance Call

1-440-997-5957

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ACCAA.ORG

Ashtabula County Blood Drive Locations

March is Red Cross Month! Though the Red Cross does much more than blood donations, (they have disaster services, emergency assistance for victims of fire, emergency assistance for our military and their families, and more), Blood Drives are still an important part of the Red Cross. Especially with the ongoing pandemic. You can schedule a blood donation appointment by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-733-2767, or downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Tuesday, March 23rd

Peoples Church
300 South Ridge East
Geneva, OH 44041
10:00 am—3:00 pm

Tuesday, March 23rd

Andover Christian Church
200 Stillman Ave
Andover, OH 44003
2:00 pm —7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 24th

Ashtabula Towne Square
3315 N Ridge Rd E
Ashtabula, OH 44004
12:00 pm—6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 24th

Good Shepard Lutheran Church
876 Grove St.
Conneaut, OH 44030
1:00 pm—6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 31st

Elks Lake Lodge
3115 Lake Rd W
Ashtabula, OH 44004
2:00 pm—6:30 pm



Homemakers Wanted!

Do you like helping others? Do you enjoy housecleaning? Do you want flexible hours with evenings and weekends off? If so, this is the job for you! Responsible and trustworthy individuals are needed to clean homes for seniors. Call Community Action at (440) 998-3244 for more information!!

DRAGON EMPOWERMENT CENTER (DEC) IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The DEC is in need of volunteers! If you are interested please contact us either by call &/or text at (440) 855- 0081



HEALTHCARE CHAPERONE

We are looking for a reliable individual to escort students according to times specified by the supervisor. The chaperone will be ensuring a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for students while accompanying them to and from their home school.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

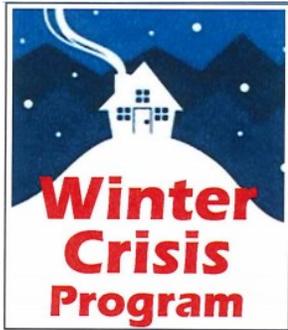
- Walking students to and from their home school for dental and vision services.
- Become familiar with all routes to and from the different intermediate schools
- Maintain the Health Care Chaperone register of students served
- Reporting any faults, incidents, and accidents to the supervisor

*Will need to pass a background check
*Position requires extensive walking indoors/outdoors

DRAGON EMPOWERMENT CENTER

WHERE BARRIERS ARE BROKEN

The Winter Crisis Program Ends March 31st...FINAL DAYS!!!!



The Winter Crisis Program is a utility assistance program provided through Ashtabula County Community Action Agency. The program can provide income eligible households with

once per heating season assistance with their main heating source.

The program began November 2nd and **ends March 31st, 2021.**

Due to Covid-19 things will be different this year from previous years. **The first big change is that there won't be any walk-ins or in-person appointments.** Instead all appointments will be over the phone. All applicants will need to have all of their required documentation in before their appointment time. They can do this in three ways.

1. They can fax all of their information to 440-997-6022.
2. They can email their information.
3. They can get copies made/ drop off copies at 6920 Austinburg Rd, Ashtabula.

The documents needed are much the same as previous years. They will need:

- A photo ID
- Proof of Income for the last 30 days (or 12 months if self employed or seasonally employed)
- Social security cards for all household members
- All pages of their current utility bill
- If renting they will also need the landlord's name, address, phone and rent amount

After they have collected and turned in all of their documentation they can call the appointment line at 440-381-8230 to set up their over-the-phone appointment.

To be eligible for the Winter Crisis Program the client must be an Ashtabula County resident and the household income must be at or below 175% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The account must be in the name of an adult household member. They must also meet at least one additional eligibility criteria: the account must be in disconnect status, have been shut off, need new service, need transfer of service, or have 25% (or less) bulk fuel supply remaining OR they have a household member that was diagnosed with Covid-19 in 2020.

Household /Family Size	50%	*100%*	175%
1	532	\$1,063	1,861
2	718	\$1,437	2,514
3	905	\$1,810	3,168
4	1,092	\$2,183	3,821
5	1,278	\$2,557	4,474
6	1,465	\$2,930	5,128
7	1,652	\$3,303	5,781
8	1,838	\$3,677	6,434
9	2,025	\$4,050	7,088
10	2,212	\$4,423	7,741



Mental Health First Aid – Adult

The Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board is offering Mental Health First Aid (Adult) classes on the following dates:

Friday, April 30, 2021 from 9:00am to 3:00pm (There will be a half-hour lunch break);

Friday, May 7, 2021 from 9:00am to 3:00pm (There will be a half-hour lunch break).

These classes will be presented virtually. Participants are required to complete 2 hours of self-paced online coursework prior to the scheduled instructor-led portion, which will be conducted on the Zoom platform. Each class is limited to 15 participants. For more information and to register, please visit www.ashtabulamhrs.org and click on the “Events” tab. These classes are being offered free of charge to participants who live or work in Ashtabula County.

Mental Health First Aid is an evidence-based public education and prevention tool – it improves the public’s knowledge of mental health and substance use problems and connects people with care for their mental health or substance use problems. Participants will learn a 5-step action plan to help loved ones, colleagues, neighbors and others cope with mental health or substance use problems. Similar to traditional First Aid and CPR, Mental Health First Aid is help provided to a person developing a mental health problem or experiencing a crisis until professional treatment is obtained or the crisis resolves.



Ashtabula County Health Department—COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

Clinic Type	Date	Location	Time	Criteria
CLOSED	Wednesday 3/17/2021	ACHD	12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	<u>WHO FOR</u> : The health department called and gave you an appointment time. (No walk-ins)
CLOSED	Thursday 3/18/2021	ACHD	TBD	<u>WHO FOR</u> : The health department called and gave you an appointment time. (No walk-ins)
CLOSED	Friday 3/19/2022	ACHD	9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	<u>WHO FOR</u> : The health department called and gave you an appointment time. (No walk-ins)
CLOSED	Tuesday 3/23/2021	ACHD	9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	<u>WHO FOR</u> : The health department called and gave you an appointment time. (No walk-ins)
CLOSED	Saturday 3/27/2021	ACHD	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	<u>WHO FOR</u> : The health department called and gave you an appointment time. (No walk-ins)
*Clinic Type	Date	Location	Criteria	
OPEN	Monday 3/22/2021	Jefferson United Methodist Church		
OPEN	**Tuesday 3/30/2021	Rome Fire Department	Time	Last Name
OPEN	Thursday 4/8/2021	Orwell Fire Department	<u>9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.</u>	<u>A-C</u>
OPEN	Saturday 4/10/2021	A-Tech (Jefferson)	<u>10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.</u>	<u>D-I</u>
OPEN	Tuesday 4/13/2021	Dorset Community Center	<u>11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.</u>	<u>J-M</u>
			<u>12:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.</u>	<u>N-R</u>
			<u>1:30-2:30 p.m.</u>	<u>S-Z</u>

***No registration for open clinics. All clinics are based on vaccine availability and are subject to change per Governor’s order **18 and older begins, however, persons of any age with serious underlying health conditions, and people 50 years or older, will be given priority, consideration at open clinics.**

Mass Vaccination Clinic Open in Cleveland

Northeast Ohio's first mass vaccination clinic will open Wednesday, March 17th at the Wolstein Center in Cleveland. The clinic will run 7 days a week, 8 hours a day for 8 weeks. Governor DeWine announced that the clinic can administer 6,000 shots a day.

For the first three weeks the clinic will administer first doses of the Pfizer vaccine. The clinic is open to anyone who Ohio has deemed eligible to receive the vaccine. Currently anyone with specific health conditions, specific professions, or anyone who is over 50 can receive the vaccine.

To sign up for the vaccine and to check your eligibility you can go to the states new centralized vaccine website, gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov. If you put in your zip code the site will show you vaccine locations near your home.

To sign up for the Cleveland Mass Clinic enter 2000 Prospect Avenue E Cleveland OH 44115.

Ashtabula County Health Dept. Opens Vaccine Clinics

The Ashtabula County Health Department is no longer registering people for the Covid-19 vaccine. Instead, they are now holding open clinics and closed clinics.

Open clinics are clinics where anyone who qualifies for the vaccine can show up to receive a dose, though those 50 and older or with serious underlying health concerns will be prioritized. These clinics will be open from 9:00 am—2:30 pm. Individuals will be asked to arrive at the time set aside for their last name. For example, John Smith would arrive at 1:30 to receive his vaccine.

Closed clinics are by appointment only. Those appointments are for individuals contacted by the Ashtabula County Health Department. No walk-ins.

By: Samantha Dragon

Have something you want featured?

Email sdragon@accaa.org or call 440-990-1719

COVID-19 Vaccine Expanded Eligibility

Governor DeWine has expanded the eligibility for the Covid-19 vaccine. As of March, 19th 2021 people 40 and older are able to sign up for the vaccine.

The governor also added some health conditions to the list of people that qualify. The list now includes people with cancer, chronic kidney disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, heart disease, and obesity.

There is now a state website where you can find your local vaccine providers and even register with some of them. <http://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov/>.

Locations you can register for the vaccine are as follows:

- Ashtabula County Health Dept.— Open and closed clinic only.
- Ashtabula City Health Dept.— Their hotline will continue M-Fri from 10AM-2PM for vaccine questions at 440-992-7188, but registrations will need to be through the state website, <http://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov/>.
- Conneaut City Health Dept.— register online at http://conneautohio.gov/news_detail_T5_R16.php or call the health department at 440-593-3087.
- APMC— register by calling 440-994-2675.
- Signature Health— Information is available by calling 440-578-8203 or by visiting their website at www.signaturehealthinc.org/locations/ashtabula.
- Giant Eagle— Ashtabula 440-992-6165 Geneva 440-466-3005.
- Discount Drugmart— Ashtabula 440-998-0663 Jefferson 440-576-3111.
- Walgreens - <https://www.walgreens.com/topic/promotion/covid-vaccine.jsp>
- Rite-Aid - <https://www.riteaid.com/pharmacy/covid-qualifier>