

The 4-1-1 on 2-1-1



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www.211ashtabula.org/newsletters

What am I reading?

Welcome to our 2-1-1 newsletter,
"The 4-1-1 on 2-1-1"!

Now more than ever access to available resources is vital. We started this newsletter to highlight new and/or timely community updates. This is just a small highlight and may not contain all the information you need.

For more resources and for up-to-date information, please remember to contact us at 2-1-1 Ashtabula County! Just Dial 2-1-1.



Ashtabula County
Helping People. Changing Lives.



VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION CLOTHING PROGRAM

The VSC has developed a new program to assist our veteran community throughout the year. We know that many veterans with school-aged children have strained budgets. We acknowledge that there may not be an emergency need, but that there is a need nonetheless. We have established relationships with The Salvation Army of Ashtabula and the Ashtabula Goodwill to meet this need. This program is open to veterans or their widows.

Eligible veterans must meet the following criteria:

- Have an active file within the Veterans Service Commission's system
- Have a discharge character of Honorable or Under Honorable Conditions
- Show proof of residency in Ashtabula County for a minimum of 90-days
- Children must be listed on our system with birth certificate and social security number to validate their relationship. If the children are adopted or have other circumstances that place them under your guardianship, we will need court documents to validate this relationship.
- Veteran or Surviving Spouse must provide proof of school district attendance, or the establishment of homeschooling. School attendance may be verified in-office via a phone call to the school.

If you are the Veteran or the widow of the veteran, schedule an appointment with a service officer for Financial Assistance. The service officer will review your income and expenses to determine your eligibility. Once eligibility has been verified, a voucher will be produced based on your preference, to either the Salvation Army or Goodwill for your use.

The VSC will provide up to two (2) vouchers per year. Once in the Spring/Summer seasons and once in the Fall/Winter seasons. All vouchers have a 30-day redemption period before they become void.



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SPIRE Sparks

2024 Volunteer Program

Help SPIRE provide friendly customer service & be a part of a championship day experience!

Any eligible local nonprofit organization can participate in this program. The group or organization would provide the volunteers for the events listed below. Every service hour provided SPIRE would donate at the rate of \$15 per hour from SPIRE.

Example – 10 volunteers x 5 hours = 50 hours x \$15 = \$750 worth of credit hours or donation to the organization.

Contact Keith Webb
kwebb@spireacademy.com

- SPIRE requires an IRS determination letter and a completed W-9 for all groups
- Everyone must be 14 years or older to fundraise in our program.
- Have at least 4+ volunteers available for an event

UPCOMING Volunteer Opportunities – (5 total)

MAAC Swimming & Diving Championship – 2/14 – 2/17

Sign up here - <https://maac2024.paperform.co/>

MAAC – Day 1 – Weds. 5:30p to 8:30p – Session 1 Day 1 finals only	MAAC – Day 2 – Thurs. 9:30 to 1p – Session 1 5:30p to 9p – Session 2
MAAC – Day 2 – Friday 9:30 to 1p – Session 1 5:30p to 9:30p – Session 2	MAAC – Day 2 - Saturday 9:30 to 2:30p – Session 1 5p to 10p – Session 2 – 5

Big10 Track & Field Championship – 2/23 – 2/24

Sign up here - <https://big10track2024.paperform.co/>

Big10 – Day 1 – Friday 11a to 4p – Session 1 3p to 7p - Session 2	Big10 – Day 2 – Saturday 10a to 3p – Session 1 1p to 5p - Session 2
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State of Ohio HS Track & Field Championship – 3/01 – 3/02

Sign up here - <https://state-track2024.paperform.co/>

Big10 – Day 1 – Friday 11a to 4p – Session 1 12:30p to 6p - Session 2	Big10 – Day 2 – Saturday 11a to 4p – Session 1 12:30p to 6p - Session 2
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Other events that are available for Community Service credit hours

- 3/16-17 – Leprechaun Blitz – large volleyball tournament. Parking, concessions, set up and tear down.
- 4/6-7 – Shoreline Showdown – large volleyball tournament. Parking, concessions, set up and tear down.

Looking for farm work?

Your local OhioMeansJobs Center can help!

To find agricultural employers in Ohio who are looking to hire, call 1-855-439-9413.



Department of
Job and Family Services

Mike DeWine, Governor, State of Ohio

Matt Damschroder, Director

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

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This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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Upcoming Mobile Food Pantries

The mobile food pantry program provides produce giveaways in multiple places in the county. For more information about your regular local food pantry, please call 2-1-1.

Monday, February 5th
Conneaut Human Resource Center
327 Mill Street
Conneaut, OH
10:00am–12:00n

**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 898211**

QUESTION PERSUADE REFER

Ask A Question, Save A Life

QPR is an evidence-based gatekeeper training to help prevent suicide. Participants learn to recognize warning signs of suicide, offer hope to a person who might be experiencing a suicidal crisis, and how to get help and save a life.

Free Training, Registration Required
February 16th, 2024
12:00pm-2:00pm
Community Counseling Center
2801 C Court
Ashtabula, OH 44004

To register;
<https://www.ashtabulamhrs.org/events/>



About PAX TOOLS

PAX Tools is a collection of evidence-based, trauma-informed strategies to improve cooperation and self-regulation with youth. This training is designed for parents and those who work with youth

PAX TOOLS is provided free to the community through funding from the Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board as part of Community Counseling Center's Prevention Services.

To Register



Two Training Options

February 17th 10am-12pm
Jefferson Henderson Memorial Library
or
March 19th 5pm-7pm
Community Counseling Center
2801 C Court Ashtabula



SAVE THE DATE

Friday, June 7th, 2024

10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

15TH ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS CONFERENCE

LAKESIDE HIGH SCHOOL
6600 SANBORN ROAD
ASHTABULA, OHIO 44004

The 4-1-1 on 2-1-1

The week of Feb. 4th, 2024

Feb. 19 2024

★ **ACDL** ★
Presents

WINTER CARNIVAL



Featuring **Jungle Terry** and
the Ashtabula 4-H robotics program!



Enjoy midway activities starting at 10 a.m.

Ashtabula Public Library

- 10:30 a.m. Jungle Terry
- 12:00 p.m. Carnival Storytime
- 12:30 p.m. Readers' Advisory
'Fortune Telling'
- 1:30 p.m. Ashtabula 4-H Robotics
- 3:30 p.m.
- 3:30 p.m. 'Carnival Around the
World' for Teens & Adults
- 4:30 p.m. Cupcake Walk
- 5:15 p.m. Movie & Craft

Geneva Public Library

- 10:30 a.m. Carnival Paper Crafts
- 10:30 a.m. Ashtabula 4-H Robotics
- 12:30 p.m.
- 12:00 p.m. Carnival Storytime
- 1:30 p.m. Jungle Terry
- 3:30 p.m. Carnival Karaoke
- 4:30 p.m. Cupcake Walk
- 5:15 p.m. Movie & Craft

Ashtabula Public Library
4335 Park Ave
Ashtabula, OH 44004
440-997-9341

Geneva Public Library
860 Sherman St
Geneva, OH 44041
440-466-4521



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION



"Veterans helping veterans"

Ashtabula County Veterans and their families are invited to join us at the Jefferson Fraternal Order of the Eagles, located at 133 S. Spruce Street, Jefferson, Ohio 44047 on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. Those in attendance will learn more about their VA death benefits, but most importantly their FAMILY will learn what they need to do upon the passing of their veteran.

Veterans are strongly encouraged to bring their spouse and/or a family member who might be involved in handling their final affairs. Each Veteran will receive a packet that will assist the family greatly during a time when hard decisions will need to be made.

We encourage the attendance of veterans of all ages, as one never knows when their time is up, and death doesn't come with a warning.

Attendance is limited. Please RSVP by email to acvsc@ashtabulacounty.us, or call the office at (440)964-8324 to secure your slot. The seminar is FREE to attend and will be time well spent. We look forward to seeing you there!



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You're invited to 2-1-1 Keys to Community



Thursday, February 15th, 2024

9:30am to 11:00am

Ashtabula County District Library

Part One

The 101 on 2-1-1

Not familiar with 2-1-1? Attend this introduction to our 24 hour information and referral service, and how it can benefit your agency and clients.



Part Two

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

ASHTABULA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

ASHTABULA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES

H2O MISSIONS

2-1-1 Keys to Community is a free quarterly event that highlights 2-1-1 Ashtabula County and four other local programs. Join us to learn more about our community!

Please RSVP by emailing Samantha at sdragon@accaa.org



2-1-1 Ashtabula County is a program of Ashtabula County Community Action Agency

ATTENTION EDUCATORS:

**WE ARE
HIRING**

OPEN POSITIONS:

- ACADEMIC COACH
- TUTOR

Help us build the Upper DEC Dragon Plus Program, a new afterschool program for high schoolers!



For More Information,
Visit our Website at

www.accaa.org

or Email:

aholdson@accaa.org

