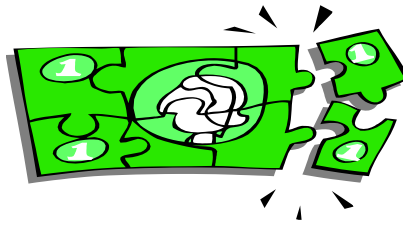


Help for Hard Times...



Vision 2020, a committee of the Waushara Prevention Council, Inc. has compiled this guide to help people in **Waushara County** who are unemployed or struggling financially.

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Evaluating Your Finances Checklist

In this struggling economy, you may have found yourself among many in the community facing the loss of a job, reduced hours, and/or financial trouble. This guide is intended to help you answer the question “Now what?” Many organizations in the Waushara County area exist to help you, whether it’s managing your finances, discount or free health services, food, clothing, shelter, or other services.

Evaluating your finances: Reduced income is going to require expert money management. This checklist will help you get started.

Determine your financial resources.

Savings, pension or profit sharing, thrift plan, stocks, cash values of life insurance, unemployment compensation, severance pay, spouse’s income, medical benefits, etc

Plan a realistic budget.

Set up a plan which allows for basic needs: food, shelter, clothing, and medical care. Be sure to include anticipated expenses, like quarterly insurance premiums and holiday spending, etc.

Stop all use of credit.

Don’t make purchases on credit if you can avoid it. This will save interest charges. Order a free credit report at: www.annualcreditreport.com or (877) 322-8228.

Protect yourself.

Alert others about your economic situation.

Explore ways to increase your income.

Check if you’re eligible for tax credits, or benefits that you might qualify for if your income has dropped. Consider dropping or decreasing benefit contributions. Consider selling assets, personal items, investments, or property to help you come up with cash to pay down debt.

You should notify:

1. Your mortgage holder or your landlord.

Let them know in person if you cannot meet payment. A personal visit is suggested. Request postponement until income resumes. If you have FHA or Veteran’s Insured Mortgage, ask for emergency forbearance (an emergency relief program to avoid foreclosure). With a landlord, discuss ways to work off your obligation, if possible.

2. Utilities.

(Phone, water, gas, electric). Tell them as soon as possible to show good faith. Make some payment even if it is not the full amount due! Reduce service as much as you can.

3. Any creditor.

(Car, furniture, credit cards, etc.) Try to set up an alternative payment plan and/or try to return collateral items (jewelry, furniture, etc.) to reduce debts. Keep full records of these transactions, including the name of the firm, person you spoke with, phone numbers, and account of what you agreed on, and the date. Make one copy for your file and file one with them, for their records.

Set priorities.

If your income does not cover all your bills, be sure to pay the following first, in this order: Rent, Utilities, Food, and Transportation.

Cancel unnecessary purchases/services.

This includes cable TV, subscription renewals, etc.

Consider refinancing.

Refinancing or renegotiating loans will help lower your fixed expenses (bank or credit union loans, car payments, mortgage).

File for Unemployment Insurance.

File online at: <https://ucclaim-wi.org/InternetInitialClaims/>. You will need your Social Security number and your 4-digit PIN number which you make up yourself before you apply. If you do not have internet access, call 1-800-822-5246 to file an Initial Claim Application for a new claim; or call 1-800-978-7887 to file a Weekly Claim Certification for a benefit check.

Ways to Save Tip Sheet

Reduce your WATER bill!!

- 1 Take Shorter Showers ~ Just by taking a few minutes off every shower will save you money!
Set a Timer. Installing a low flow shower head can make a difference here as well. DO NOT TAKE BATHS!
- 2 Turn Off the Water!! Turn off the water while brushing your teeth, or while washing your face! You can waste over two gallons of water each minute!
- 3 Reduce your toilet's water consumption! Simply place a brick or a drink bottle filled with water into your toilet tank.
- 4 Wash Small loads of Clothes ~ It is better to wash 3 small loads than 2 large loads!
- 5 Check for Water leaks and Drips.
- 6 Let nature water your plants. Use a rain barrel to hoard as much water as you can and use this to water your plants, both indoor and outdoor. You will also reduce your water use by watering outdoor plants at dawn and dusk.
- 7 While warming up your sink/tub's hot water, catch and use the cold water that comes out, instead of letting it go down the drain. Place a water jug or other container under the spout of the sink and then turn on the hot water. Catch all of the water that comes out until the water gets hot. Store the container of water in your refrigerator and use it for things like: drinking, filling up pet bowls, watering flowers, making coffee or tea, etc.

How to Lower Your Electric Bill!!

- 1 Check your home's furnace ducts in each room. Make sure that there is nothing obstructing the vents such as long drapes or furniture.
- 2 Replace your incandescent light bulbs with more energy efficient fluorescent bulbs. To add to saving, remember you do not have to fill every spot with a light bulb. For a fixture that can take 4 bulbs, try only using 2 for savings.
3. Unplug your charging units when you are not using them. Studies show that when a cell phone charger is plugged in to the outlet, it continues to draw electricity even if the phone is not connected to it. Same with game consoles and radios.
- 4 Check your windows for drafts. Clean and re-caulk around the windows when you notice the old caulk beginning to wear. Or cover windows with clear plastic.
- 5 You can also check receptacles located on the home's exterior walls. If you feel a slight draft coming through the outlet, you can purchase rubber weatherproofing seals to be installed between the wall and the outlet plate to seal it more effectively
- 6 Make it a habit to routinely clean under your refrigerator. Accumulating dust will cause the compressor to work overtime!
- 7 Make sure the weather stripping around your front door, as well as all of your exterior doors, is in good shape. If not, replace it.
- 8 Remember, for every degree you lower your temperature in winter, or raise it in the summer, you will save two to three percent in your energy costs.
- 9 Help save your electricity bill in the summer by installing ceiling fans and cutting down on your air conditioning use.
- 10 Turn off Computers and TVs when not in use.
- 11 Get a hot water heater "jacket." Consider turning down the temperature on your hot water heater or purchase a newer "tank less" water heater, which uses less energy than the standard models.
- 12 Use a clothes line.

Ways to Save Tip Sheet (Cont.)

How to Lower Your Electric Bill (Continued)

- 13 Turn the lights off.
- 14 Dry your clothing in the evening when the temperature is cooler.
- 15 Use cold water to wash your clothes as apposed to hot.
16. Cook on the Grill.

Nice Clothes

Shop at Thrift Stores, Consignment Shops and Garage Sales.

Electronics

Check your local newspapers, yard sales, thrift stores, eBay and other used item places. Get your piece of furniture cheap, sand it down; put some wood stain on it and it is new again at a fraction of the cost.

Extras

- 1 Buy in Bulk ~ It may cost more at once but in the long run you save a lot!!
- 2 Never Pay Full Price. Buy extra groceries when they're on sale! Stock up on Buy One Get One Free items.
- 3 It's amazing how much you can save just by taking a lunch to work instead of buying it from some fast food place.
- 4 Keep a record of your family's expenses: electric bills, water bills, heating bills, mortgage or rent, car payments, insurance, medical bills, and grocery costs. Make sure that the total of the bills are not greater than the available in come.
- 5 Save all of your loose change in a jar.
- 6 Recycle ~ Crushed cans and Aluminum Foil will bring in some extra cash!

How to save money on Groceries!!

- 1 Plan your meals!
- 2 Use a list to shop, but know when to stray from the list. Using a list will help reduce those impulse buys of items you don't really need. But, don't overlook items that are exceptional bargains. Consider swapping items on your list.
- 3 Meats ~ Always get the Family pack! I can buy one family back and get 2 meals out of it. Freezer bags work better than you think.
- 4 The most expensive items tend to be in the easiest spots. Before you grab that item on the end cap or the shelf at eye level, look in the lower shelves first. You might find a cheaper brand there that makes them less money.
- 5 Know what items you are short of. You can avoid "associated purchases" if you know what you have on hand.
- 6 Good Old Fashioned Coupon Clippings. Shop on "Double Coupon Days".
- 7 Again Buy in Bulk when an item is on sale!! Know your prices before buying in bulk!!



Unemployment Compensation

Initial Claims.....800-822-5246
 Weekly Claims.....800-978-7887
 Inquiries800-494-4944

Or file on line at www.uclaim-wi.org

Provides payments based on work in Wisconsin to eligible workers who are temporarily unemployed.

Tax Preparation Assistance

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Program (VITA).....920-787-3949

FREE Income Tax Preparation Assistance to low-income, elderly, disabled and limited English speaking people. Volunteers are trained and certified by the IRS.

www.revenue.wi.gov/vita/index.html

Employment

Employment Training, Placement & Search

At the Waushara County Job Center:

▶ Education & Training Center

Programs.....920-787-3338 ext.205

WIA-Funds job-related training for income eligible adults who are training or re-training for employment. May help pay for tuition, fees, books and supplies.

DISLOCATED WORKERS- counsels workers affected by plant closings and/or permanent layoffs.

▶ Career Center.....920-787-3338

Search job listing at jobcenterofwisconsin.com
 Help job seekers find employment, identify and market their vocational skills, abilities and interests, and access appropriate educational and training programs as necessary. Offers computer access to allow job seekers to use the Internet in their job search, and printers to do résumés, cover letters, etc.

CAP Services—Fresh Start715-258-9575

Will assist eligible youth ages 14-21 attain an HSED/ GED, entry into sustainable employment, post-secondary education or advanced training.

Experience Works866-207-2612

Assists individuals ages 55 or older in finding employment. Serves Waushara, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Washington and Green Lake counties.

www.experienceworks.org

FVTC Job Seekers Network.....920-735-5627

Helps job seekers conduct their job search by using a project management style. Learn how to find the job you want through networking. Meets weekly. Attend as many meetings as you need. Available at Oshkosh or Appleton campus.

FVTC Job Search Investigation...920-735-5627

A 4-week program designed to teach the fundamental job search topics like resumes, cover letters, interviewing and more. Help with planning for your first significant job search of your career or for those looking to refresh their job search skills. Offered at Oshkosh or Appleton campus.

Fox Valley Workforce Development Board

Career Changers Network.....920-720-5600

Assists those seeking employment or career change, allows individuals to practice networking skills, meet other job seekers in similar situations and find new ways to solve your employment issues. Meetings in Oshkosh or Appleton. www.foxvalleywork.org

▶ Waushara Co FoodShare Employment and Training (FSET) Program

.....920-787-5920

Provides FoodShare members free assistance and support needed to obtain competitive employment or enhance opportunities for career advancement. Services are designed to use the strength, needs and preferences of the job seeker that will result in successful employment and increase earning potential. Funding may be available for job-related training.

▶ Wisconsin Works (W-2)

Program.....920-787-5920

Limited hours. W-2 is Wisconsin's Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF) program, which provides employment services and training to help eligible residents get and keep employment.

www.fsc-corp.org

Public Libraries serving Waushara County:

▶ Coloma Public Library.....715-228-2530

▶ Hancock Public Library.....715-249-5817

▶ Leon-Saxeville Public Library..920-987-5110

▶ Patterson Memorial Library (Wild Rose)

.....920-622-3835

▶ Plainfield Public Library.....715-335-4523

▶ Poy Sippi Public Library.....920-987-5737

▶ Redgranite Public Library.....920-566-0176

▶ Wautoma Public Library.....920-787-2988

Services vary by location. Offers computer use instruction and public-use computers for word processing and internet searching that can help people find and apply for jobs. Some may have dedicated job computers, free computer classes and job-related assistance including ability to print applications or resumes.

Starting Your Own Business

SCORE Offices:

▶ Fox Cities SCORE (Appleton) ...920-734-7101

Volunteers with business experience provide counseling and mentoring for people who operate a business or who wish to start a business. <https://foxcities.score.org>

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Employment (Cont.)

CAP Services Business Development

Program.....920-787-7461
 Provides technical assistance at no charge to low-income individuals starting a business or to businesses committed to creating jobs that will be filled by low-income workers. Can also potentially provide low-interest financing.

Fox Valley Technical College Venture

Center.....920-735-5709
 The Venture Center is equipped with experts, networks, and resource to help those in small business, whether they are just starting up or have been in business for years. Provides technical assistance and support.
www.venturecenterwi.com

Education

Pre-School

Head Start.....920-787-7742 or 920-787-1567
 A child development program for income eligible children, ages 3 and 4. The program encourages the child's physical, intellectual, emotional, and social development while providing family services to parents. Children attend half days Monday-Thursday. Located at CAP Services, 205 E Main Street, Wautoma.

Adult Basic Education Program (Fox Valley Technical College Wautoma Regional Center)

.....920-787-3319 or 888-324-3218
 Prepares students to achieve their GED or HSED.

Continuing Education

Waushara UW Extension.....920-787-0416
waushara.uwex.edu
 Provides educational programs in agriculture, community resource development, family living and youth development. The office is also a resource for continuing education courses offered through the University of Wisconsin. It has the capacity to host satellite and teleconference programs.

Skills Enhancement Program.....920-787-1422
x 2227

The Skills Enhancement Program offers funding for qualifying individuals interested in pursuing training to further their job skills and secure career employment. Funding may be provided for tuition, books, other training-related fees, training-related child care, and training-related mileage. One-on-one support and guidance is provided until career employment is secured. Participants need to be working 20 hours a week & fall within 150% of poverty income guidelines to qualify.

Colleges & Universities

Fox Valley Technical College: Wautoma Regional Center.....920-787-3319 or 888-324-3218
www.fvtc.edu

Mid-State Technical College: Stevens Point Center.....715-344-3063
www.mstc.edu

UW-Oshkosh.....920-424-1137
www.uwosh.edu

UW-Stevens Point.....715-346-0123
www.uwsp.edu

Student Financial Aid

FAFSA.....800-433-3243
<https://fafsa.ed.gov>

The office of Federal Student Aid provides grants, loans and work-study funds for college or career schools. The application is free and available on-line.

Helpful Websites

Learning Express Library

www.learningexpresshub.com

This database is accessible with a library card from one of the Waushara County libraries. Practice tests and e-books are available.

Wautoma High School Guidance

.....920-787-7112
 List of links dealing with financial aid, testing and schools.

Financial Coaching/Budgeting

Family Living Educator920-787-0416
waushara.uwex.edu/family-living
 FREE financial counseling and coaching. Budgeting, foreclosure assistance, bankruptcy, and referrals to community resources.

Financial Information & Services Center (FISC)

Goodwill (Oshkosh).....920-966-1200
 Goodwill (Waupaca & WI Rapids).... 800-366-8161
 Fee requested. Financial counseling for bankruptcy, debt management, and personal budgets.

Economic Support/Public Assistance

Wisconsin Works (W-2)

Program.....920-787-5920
 Employment services and training to help eligible residents get and keep employment while earning monthly payments based on program participation.

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Economic Support/Public Assistance (Cont.)

Waushara County
 Department of Human Services..... 920-787-6600
 or888-250-4331
 East Central Income Maintenance Partnership
 at888-256-4563

Economic Support Programs include **BadgerCare Plus**, **Medicaid**, **Medicare Savings Programs**, **FoodShare** (formerly Food Stamps), and **Caretaker Supplement** for eligible low income individuals and families.

To apply or find out about eligibility call East Central Income Maintenance Partnership or visit:
www.access.wisconsin.gov

Waushara County Department of Human Services.....920-787-6600 or 888-250-4331

Emergency Assistance may also be available for individuals who are experiencing a financial crisis. This may include: rental assistance, eviction notices and utility disconnections. Applicants screened for eligibility.

Child Care Assistance

Referrals to Child Care Providers

Childcaring, Inc.....715-423-4114
 Or.....800-628-8534
www.childcaring.org

Financial Assistance for Child Care

Waushara County
 Department of Human Services.....920-787-6600
 Or.....888-250-4331
 East Central Income Maintenance Partnership
 at888-256-4563

To apply or find out about eligibility call East Central Income Maintenance Partnership or visit:
www.access.wisconsin.gov

Housing

Rent & Mortgage Payment Assistance

Waushara County
 Department of Human Services.....920-787-6600
 Or.....888-250-4331

Rental assistance may be available for individuals who are experiencing a financial crisis. Applicants are screened for eligibility.

WHEDA Section 8 Voucher Program
 Horizon Management Group.....608-782-8250
 Or.....800-333-8250
 Program helps families with very low incomes rent safe, sanitary and affordable housing. Eligibility determined by household size, gross annual income and criminal background checks.

CAP Services Rental Housing.....877-377-1434
rentals@capmail.org
 Provides fixed rate rental homes and apartments for low to moderate income individuals.

CAP Housing Repair Program.... 715-343-7146
 Offers deferred loans for housing repairs to meet HUD standards. Repairs include, but are not limited to: roof, siding, windows, doors, electrical, plumbing, furnace replacement, water heater replacement, foundation repair, lead hazard reduction, energy conservation and accessibility accommodations. No repayment is required until you sell the home; it is no longer your primary residence or 30 years from the date of closing. Call for eligibility and program guidelines.

Statewide Rural Housing.....888-400-5974
 Mortgage assistance for households in crisis.

Operation Round-Up Trust
 Adams-Columbia Electric Co-op.....608-339-3346
 Or.....800-831-8629
 Individuals in ACEC service area are encouraged to apply for assistance from the Community Fund. Applications available at the co-op service center in Wautoma, or can be requested by mail by writing to P.O. Box 70, Friendship, WI 53934 or at www.acecwi.com

Utilities Assistance

Energy Assistance Program.....920-787-1830
 Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) provides assistance for heating costs, electric costs and energy crisis situations for income-eligible residents.

Weatherization

Energy Conservation/
 Home Weatherization Program.....920-787-3949
 May provide a variety of home improvement measures (insulation, furnace and foundation repairs, etc.) for energy conservation (NOT for emergency work) through CAP Services. Income guidelines apply.

Foreclosure Assistance

Homestead Solutions, Inc.....920-230-3324
<http://homesteadsolutions.org>
 Non-profit, HUD certified Housing Counseling Agency that works with homeowners at risk of or who are already having trouble keeping up with mortgage payments. Helps homeowners take action to avoid foreclosure.

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Housing (Cont.)

Financial Stability Website

www.financialstability.gov

The U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Dept. of Treasury offer this website to disseminate basic information about the federal government's Foreclosure Prevention Plan.

Homeowner's HOPE™ Hotline.....888-995-4673

www.995hope.org

Provides free telephone or on-line credit counseling to help consumers establish a budget and understand loan terms. Counselors can work with lenders on consumer's behalf to develop a payment plan.

Making Home Affordable Website

www.makinghomeaffordable.gov

Information about the federal government's Home Affordable Refinance Program.

Food

Food Assistance Programs

FoodShare (formerly Food Stamps)

Provides a Quest Card for eligible participants to use in most grocery stores to purchase food

Waushara County

Department of Human Services.....920-787-6600

or888-250-4331

East Central Income Maintenance Partnership

at888-256-4563

To apply or find out about eligibility call East Central Income Maintenance Partnership or visit:

www.access.wisconsin.gov

WIC (Women, Infants & Children Nutrition Program).....920-787-5514

Or.....800-942-5330

Provides vouchers to purchase food for young children and their mothers, through Family Health / La Clinica.

Food Pantries

Coloma Food Pantry715-228-4171

409 North Slater St. - Coloma

(Prince of Peace & Calvary United Methodist Churches)

3rd Saturday of each month. 10am—12pm

Saxeville Community Church

Food Pantry.....920-470-3617

W4616 County Rd A - Saxeville

1st Saturday of the month 9-10am

Crossroads Family Church.....920-787-2355

640 S. Water St. - Wautoma

First Baptist Church.....715-335-6330

205 E. Clark St. - Plainfield

Saturdays 9-11am for Waushara County and surrounding area.

First Congregational

United Church of Christ920-566-4666

887 Bonnell Ave. - Redgranite

Wednesdays 1-4 pm. Serving residents of the Wautoma Area School District.

New Life Assembly of God.....715-335-6905

612 East North St. - Plainfield

2nd & 4th Saturday of month. 9-11am. Serving Bancroft, Almond, Hancock and Plainfield area.

Ruby's Pantry.....920-787-2355

640 South Water St. - Wautoma

1st Saturday of each month. \$15 donation requested. Bring boxes or baskets for food.

Waushara County

Commodity Pantry.....920-787-0641

.....715-869-3663

220A Oakridge Court - Wautoma

Tuesdays & Fridays 11-4pm. Serving all Waushara County residents.

Community Meals

Grace United Methodist Church....920-787-4668

N2133 South Gate Terrace - Wautoma

Every Wednesday: light meal @ 5:10pm

1st Sunday of every month: breakfast @ 10am

St. John's Lutheran Church.....920-622-3371

W4570 County Road A - Saxeville

3rd Wednesday of the month: dinner 5:30-6:30pm

United Church of Christ.....715-249-5133

301 North Main St. - Hancock

1st Wednesday of January, March, May, July,

September & November: Dinner 4:30-6:30pm

St. Joseph's Catholic Church.....920-787-3848

364 South Cambridge St. - Wautoma

4th Saturday of every month: Lunch 11am-1pm

Location rotates: contact Judy Batterman: 920-787-2776 for luncheon location

Aging & Disability

The Aging & Disability Resource Center

.....920-787-6505 or 877-883-5378

209 S St Marie St - Wautoma

Provides services to residents 60+ and disabled adults.

The center provides a One-Stop-Shop for assistance and access to resources and long term care programs.

Provides Disability Benefit Specialist, Health Promotions and links to other services.

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Aging & Disability (Cont.)

Waushara County Department of Aging
920-787-0403 or 877-364-5344

209 S St Marie St - Wautoma
 Provides help to individuals 60+ and to caregivers of any age caring for a person 60+. Provides advocacy, congregate senior meal sites and home delivered meals, Elderly Benefit Specialist, transportation, and elder abuse reporting. Caregiver and Alzheimer's support groups.

Material Resources

Thrift Shops

County Cupboard

303 W Main St. - Wautoma920-787-3929

Blessings

N2494 13th Gateway - Wautoma920-787-0331
 Highway 21, 3 miles west of Wautoma

Seventh Day Adventist Community Center

535 S Cambridge St - Wautoma
 Limited hours.....920-787-2832

Second Time Around

102 W Franklin St - Berlin.....920-361-0334

Thrift Store

104 West North St - Plainfield715-335-4000

Additional Consignment and Resale Shops may be listed in the Yellow Pages under CONSIGNMENT & RESALE SHOPS or CONSIGNMENT SHOPS & SERVICES.

Health Services

BadgerCare/Medicaid/Medicare Savings Programs:

Waushara County
 Department of Human Services.....920-787-6600
 Or.....888-250-4331
 East Central Income Maintenance Partnership
 at888-256-4563

Provides health care coverage for eligible individuals. To apply or find out about eligibility call East Central Income Maintenance Partnership or visit:

www.access.wisconsin.gov

Health Insurance Marketplace

at800-318-2596

Check available options, compare plans/programs and enroll.

www.healthcare.gov

Family Health Center/La Clinica.....920-787-5514
 Or.....800-942-5330

400 South Townline Rd - Wautoma
 Primary health care, women's health, specialty services, health education, lab services, pre-employment screenings and complete dental care. Accepts MA and all insurance plans. Affordable Care - Income Based Sliding Fees.

www.famhealth.com

Waushara County

Health Department.....920-787-6590

Car seats, immunizations, flu shots, blood Pressure, loan closet, pregnancy testing, dental fluoride, lead, water testing, prenatal care, and contraception.

www.wausharacountypublichealth.com

Caring Hearts Programs

Many healthcare organizations offer assistance to patients who are not eligible for government medical assistance programs, those unable to pay their medical bills, or those with limited financial resources. Check with the patient services department of your clinic or hospital to find out about eligibility.

Prescription Drug Assistance

FamilyWize Prescription

Drug Discount Card.....800-222-2818

www.familywize.org

NeedyMeds Website..... 800-503-6897

www.needymeds.org

Partnership for Prescription

Assistance.....888-477-2669

www.PPARXorg

Caremark.....877-321-2652

www.caremark.com/naco or www.nacorex.org

Mental Health Services

Telephone Counseling, Crisis Intervention and Adult Protective Services

Crisis Line920-787-3321

Or800-242-3377

Crisis Intervention, telephone counseling and Adult Protective Services. (24 hrs./day, 7 days/wk.)

Individual, Family or Couples Counseling

All Area Counseling.....920-787-7472

719 West Main St - Wautoma

Serving Waushara County adults. Accepts Medical Assistance, private insurance, sliding fee scale.

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Mental Health Services (Cont.)

Waushara County

Department of Human Services.....920-787-6550
 Or.....888-250-4331
 230 West Park St - Wautoma
 Serving Waushara County children & youth. Accepts
 Medical Assistance, private insurance, sliding fee scale.

Domestic Abuse

CAP Services Domestic Abuse Outreach

Office.....920-787-3889
 or800-472-3377
 205 E. Main St., Wautoma
 Services are free & confidential.

Parenting

CAP Services.....920-787-7696
 Human Services.....920-787-6550
 UW Extension.....920-787-0416

Help For Addictions

Alcohol & Other Drugs

All Area Counseling Services.....920-787-7472
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon & Narcotics Anonymous

Waushara County Department of Human

Services.....920-787-6550
 Alateen, Alcohol and drug abuse assessment and out-
 patient treatment services for children, youth and their
 families. Accepts Medical Assistance, private insurance
 and sliding fee scale.

Smoking & Tobacco Use

Wisconsin Tobacco Quit Line.....800-784-8669
www.ctri.wisc.edu/quitline2.html
 Free telephone counseling and other information about
 quitting methods, medications, quit plans and tips.

Gambling

Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling.....
800-426-2535
www.wi-problemgamblers.org
 Information and referral for compulsive gamblers and
 their loved ones.

Legal Services

Labor Laws & Standards.....608-266-6860

www.dwd.state.wi.us

Administers Wisconsin's Fair Employment Law which
 prohibits discrimination based on ancestry, color, creed,
 national origin, race, sex, disability, arrest or conviction,
 age (40+), marital status, sexual orientation, use of lawful
 products or member of military reserve; Wisconsin's
 Family and Medical Leave Act; and handles complaints
 for unpaid wages, child labor, minimum wage, overtime,
 street trades, business closing and mass lay offs,
 cessation of health care benefits and personnel records.

Lawyer Referral
 & Information Service.....800-362-9082

www.legalexplorer.com

Hotline answers simple legal questions & makes lawyer
 referrals through the State Bar of Wisconsin

Legal Action of Wisconsin.....800-236-1128

www.legalaction.org

Legal Action of Wisconsin provides free civil legal
 assistance to low-income clients. Priority practice areas
 include: housing law (e.g. termination notices, eviction
 prevention), family law for victims of domestic violence
 (e.g. divorce, custody/placement, child support), public
 benefits (e.g. Food Shares, Medical Assistance,
 BadgerCare, SSI/Social Security), and consumer law
 (e.g. garnishments, vehicle repossession).

Legislative Hotline.....800-362-9472

www.legis.wisconsin.gov

For general information about the Wisconsin Legislature,
 legislative processes, bill histories, and other inquiries.

Modest Means Referral Program....888-529-7599

www.legalexplorer.com

Applicants whose income is too high to qualify for free
 legal aid but too low to pay an attorney's regular fees
 may be referred to an attorney who has agreed to reduce
 fees for their services.

Public Defender's Office.....920-424-3304

www.wisspd.org

Provides legal representation for income eligible
 individuals seeking legal representation in circuit court
 for proceedings involving criminal charges, protective
 placement, revocation of probation or parole, termination
 of parental rights or juvenile delinquency proceedings.

US Dept. of Labor – Wage/Hour Division

National Helpline.....866-487-2365

www.dol.gov/esa/whd

Administers and enforces Federal labor laws, including
 minimum wage, overtime, Family and Medical Leave Act,
 and Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection
 Act.



Transportation

MTM, Inc.....866-907-1493
Non-emergency medical transportation for individuals
On Medical Assistance. Available 7 days/week.
48 hour notice requested. Co-pay required.

Waushara County Mini Bus.....920-787-0403
209 S Ste Marie St, PO Box 432 - Wautoma
Mon-Fri 7:30am-6pm
Transportation within Waushara County for county
residents or any age. Riders must register through the
Dept of Aging Services office. 3 day notice requested.
Charges may apply.

Waushara County Volunteer

Drivers920-787-0403
209 S Ste Marie St, PO Box 432 - Wautoma
Transportation to medical appointments for people 60+
disabled adults or veterans
Program operates through Dept of Aging Services office,
riders must be registered. 3 day notice requested.
Charges may apply.

Waushara Industries Inc.....920-787-4696
210 East Chicago Rd - Wautoma
Transportation for seniors, disabled, vocational, and/or
private pay individuals to recreational, shopping and
medical appointments within Wisconsin. 24 hour notice
preferred. Charges may apply.

Migrant Families

Emergency Assistance

UMOS Aurora Center.....920-361-1266
Or.....800-279-8667
N1485 County Road XX - Berlin
Provides emergency assistance/referrals/counseling and
assistance with housing.

Food Assistance Programs

See page 8

Health Services

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Head Start/Child Development Programs

UMOS.....920-232-9611

www.umos.org

300 S. Koeller St; Suite E - Oshkosh

Offers Head Start and Day Care programs available to
eligible participants.

Migrant Labor Inspector/Camp Housing Bureau of Migrant Services

Migrant Law Enforcement.....920-361-0927
Fax.....920-361-0941

P.O. Box 324 - Berlin, WI 54923

Enforcement of Wisconsin's Migrant Labor Law:
standards for wages, hours and working conditions,
certification, maintenance and inspection of migrant labor
camps, recruitment and hiring of migrant workers with
rights of free access ensuring migrant workers and their
families have access to services they are legally entitled
to receive. Immigration Legal Services

UMOS Immigration Services.....414-389-6500

Fax.....414-389-9961

802 W. Mitchell Street - Milwaukee, WI 53204

www.umos.org/social_services/immigration_services.html

Services provided to low income victims of domestic
violence, sexual assault and other serious crimes.
Provides: VAWA, U and T VISA Petitions, Employment
Authorization, Applications and Renewals and Green
Card Renewals through legal representation, advocacy
and education.

Veterans & Military Families

VETERANS CRISIS LINE

Crisis Line.....800-273-8255 press 1

Connects Veterans in crisis, their families and friends
with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs
responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online
chat, or text.

Online Chat.....www.veteranscrisisline.net

TEXT.....838255

County Veterans' Services Office

Waushara County

Veterans Service Office.....920-787-0446

Offers assistance with Federal and State VA benefits,
including federal VA home loans, compensation,
pension, medical care, education benefits, burial benefits
and grave markers. State benefits including: health care
grants, subsistence grants, education grants, and State
veterans homes. Or apply for VA benefits online at:

www.va.gov/onlineapps.htm

Employment

Local Veterans Employment Rep...920-968-6874

Resume, Job search and Job placement assistance and
case management for veterans, through the Workforce
Development Center, Menasha, WI.

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Labor Laws & Housing



*A network of committed community members and organizations who collaborate and advocate for effective
prevention programs serving Waushara County.*

Veterans & Military Families (Cont.)

Education

Federal VA Education Benefits.....888-442-4551

Or apply for VA benefits online at:

<http://www.gibill.va.gov/benefits>

State WDVA Education Benefits...800-947-8387

Contact the CVSO for assistance in determining eligibility and application for WDVA benefits.

Financial Aid

Veterans Commission Grant.....920-787-0446

A one time assistance grant used to help veterans through tough times. It can be used to address any need, however, is only granted when it will substantively aid in a permanent fix to a problem, rather than simply offering temporary relief.

Contact your Veterans Service Officer. Grant only pays to valid debtors, or can aid with food or auto fuel vouchers.

Food

Subsistence Aid Grant.....920-787-0446

If you suffer a loss of income due to illness or disaster, you can apply for up to 3 months of subsistence aid. (*MUST* apply within 90 days of the loss) Contact your Veterans Service Officer.

Housing / Homeless Programs

Veterans Assistance Foundation

Tomah, WI.....608-372-1280

Veterans Assistance Program

King, WI.....715-256-1118

Helps military veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless obtain steady employment and affordable housing to reintegrate into the community.

Supportive Services for Veterans Families

.....866-823-8387

Provides a wide range of services to low income veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Contact VAF Tomah to schedule an appointment with an SSVF counselor.

Health / Mental Health Services

Tomah V.A. Medical Center.....800-872-8662

Wisconsin Rapids V. A. Clinic.....715-424-4682

Primary medical care and mental health counseling for veterans only. (Veterans must qualify for enrollment in VA health care, contact your County Veterans Service Office for eligibility and application assistance)

Vet's Center.....608-264-5342

Readjustment, PTSD, substance abuse counseling and referral. Bereavement counseling. Couples / Family / Group counseling. Job counseling and referral.

Aid to Needy Veterans Grants.....920-787-0446

130% poverty level or below—Assistance with qualifying dental or optometric care. (Contact your Veterans Service Office for eligibility and application assistance.)

Legal Assistance

Legal Action of Wisconsin.....800-236-1128

<http://badgerlaw.net/Home/PublicWeb/LAW>

Free civil legal assistance—must qualify as low income.

Wisconsin Legal Assistance for Military

Personnel.....Online Intake Only

<http://www.wisbar.org> (click "for public" then click "Help for Military Personnel")

Veterans, active duty military personnel and members of the National Guard and reservists who have legal issues that can be resolved by a Wisconsin lawyer are eligible individuals if they meet low income requirements. Family members of eligible individuals may also receive legal assistance..

Military Families

Family Assistance Center.....800-292-9464 (Press 3)

<http://wisconsinmilitary.org>

Family Assistance Centers simplify the process of accessing needed services for families of veterans or service members called to active duty for an extended period of time.

Armed Forces Emergency

Services.....877-272-7337

The American Red Cross works with military aid societies to help meet emergency financial needs when an urgent personal or family crisis arises (such as burial of a loved one, or emergency travel, food, housing, car repair, utilities assistance or medical bill payment.)

Military OneSource.....800-342-9647

www.militaryonesource.com

Provides counseling services to active military members, as well as their families. General counseling services available face-to-face, by telephone and online. Counseling sessions address short-term non-medical concerns and are limited to 12 sessions per issue per counselor.

Operation Homefront.....800-390-4643

www.operationhomefront.net

Provides emergency assistance to our troops, to the families they leave behind and to wounded warriors when they return home, including help with: auto repair, disaster relief, home & appliance repair, food assistance, vision care, financial assistance, furniture & household items, moving assistance.

Transportation

Waushara County

Department of Aging.....920-787-0403

Volunteer drivers transport veterans to and from their medical appointments—please contact the Veterans Service Office to validate veterans status prior to using the system. Co-pays for trips apply, but may be subsidized by the VA or the CVSO office.

