

United Way 211 - Help Starts Here

There are services available in the greater community to help get you through the COVID-19 pandemic. This may be a first for you, to ask for assistance, but please don't hesitate to reach out. United Way 211 is a free, confidential information and referral resource available via telephone (voice or text) 24 hours a day, every day. It covers the entire state and you reach a "live" resource specialist by simply calling 211 on your telephone or texting your zip code to 898-211. The person answering will be able to help you navigate this current situation (which is changing every day)! If you prefer, the information is also available online at www.211Wisconsin.org.

GETTING HELP

Call 211 for information on available resources concerning:

- Food and Housing Assistance
- Financial Counseling
- Legal Assistance
- Caring for Seniors
- Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse
- Employment and Education
- Domestic Violence
- Health Care, including Mental Health
- Disability
- And much more ...

Unemployment Insurance

If laid off or furloughed, apply ONLINE - there are no paper forms or telephone options - for Unemployment Insurance. [And, just a warning, the highest benefit is \$370 a week and the wages are taxed!]

To apply, go to <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiben/apply/>. They also have a section with frequently asked questions on the side. For now, a "claimant" will have to register online/create an account with the Job Center of Wisconsin (www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com) which includes uploading a resume. It is recommended that a person uses the same user ID and password for both Unemployment Insurance AND the Job Center of Wisconsin.

Volunteer Your Time - Providing Help

GIVING HELP

To help out by volunteering with area agencies in Dane County, there is a local website, www.VolunteerYourTime.org, which allows you to look for volunteer opportunities available right now. They are clearly marked as being in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated!

