

GENERAL TOOLS:

2-1-1 of Ottawa County

Land lines: 2-1-1

Cell phones: 888.353.6717

www.211.org

Human service referral; bringing together people and services

Michigan Assistance and Referral Service (MARS)

<http://www.mfia.state.mi.us/mars/>

A tool to help find out what your family qualifies for by way of government assistance

AGENCIES:

Department of Human Services (DHS)

12185 James St. Suite 200, Holland MI 49424

616.394.7200

<http://www.michigan.gov/dhs>

Medical help, Food assistance, Emergency Rent assistance (must have court ordered eviction notice for housing), Emergency utility assistance, daycare assistance, home repairs, burial services, homeownership services, relocation assistance

Info on Claiming **Unemployment Benefits** in MI

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/uia_ClmUnempBenFactSheet36English_76381_7.pdf

Community Action Agency (CAA)

12251 James St., Ste. 300, Holland, MI 49442

616.393.5697

1.800.764.4111

www.co.ottawa.mi.us/HealthComm/CAA

Appointment needs to be made.

Utilities, home weatherization, homeownership assistance, food distribution, and counseling

Community Action House (CAH)

616.392.2368

Clothing, food pantry, homeless prevention, homeownership counseling, and when funds available, rent assistance

Salvation Army (SA)

616.392.4461

www.salvationarmyuse.org/usn/www_usn.nsf

Food pantry, utility assistance, rent assistance, emergency housing and transitional housing programs.

FOOD:

Food Assistance Program Info...

http://www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,1607,7-124-5453_5527---,00.html

If you have over \$3,000 in assets you will not be eligible for much food assistance through DHS. Check out http://www.call-211.org/ottawa_foodMobile.htm for **Mobile Food Pantry** in Ottawa County.

Food Pantry

Several permanent locations such as Heights of Hope, Community Action House

-each pantry has guidelines about how often a family can visit; days and times when they are open

-no fees

Angel Food has several host sites in Holland area:

-order box of food for \$30

-special boxes also available for ordering

-order and pay for food around the 10th of each month – see published schedule

-pick up food on last Sat morning of each month, usually some variance around holidays

-can use Bridge card, EBT, food stamp for payment

WIC (Women, Infants, and Children)

1-800-26-BIRTH

http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2942_4910_6329---,00.html

Assistance to women and children under age 5

MEDICAL:

InterCare in Holland may be a good place to check for medical services:

www.intercare.org/home.html

If you are without prescription insurance and are on long term prescriptions, you may qualify for free or discounted prescriptions through the pharmaceutical companies. Check out:

www.needymeds.com

Also check with your doctors' office. Take advantage of free antibiotics at Meijer, \$4 prescriptions at Wal-Mart, etc.

OTHER LINKS:

CBS Early Show segment from 3/5/09 on who qualifies for **stimulus package money**... government assistance for loan modification, refinance, and short sales

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2009/03/05/earlyshow/main4844857.shtml>

Wood TV – tips for calling unemployment office

http://www.woodtv.com/dpp/your_money/Your_Money_more_unemployment_answers