

IT TAKES A COMMUNITY

ISSUE: Where to go in a time of need? 211

Dial 211, an easy to remember phone number that connects people with community resources.

211 is easy to dial
211 is free and confidential
211 is available 24 hours a day
586-3333 from cell phone

Trained staff can assist you with:

Crisis situations
Emergency food assistance
Mental Health needs
Substance Abuse referrals
Energy Assistance information
Financial problems
Employment issues
Referral to state and federal assistance programs

Web site: If you live outside Gallatin or Park County, or prefer using the Internet, visit montana211.org to locate services by type (such as health, seniors, children's programming) or by Zip Code.

Who is 2-1-1?

Four cities in Montana who that existing call centers joined together with United Ways in Montana communities, DPHHS, and others to implement the initiative. The Help Center in Bozeman has provided leadership from the start and invested thousands of hours to create and populate the database. Their trained volunteers will answer your call, if placed in Gallatin or Park County.

This remarkable effort has progressed very quickly because it is a coalition of community-based organizations, who rolled up their sleeves to make it work for all Montanans.

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Progress to date is a great indication of what can happen when a community comes together.

GIVE.

Invest in your community. ▶
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- Donate \$10 to support 211 efforts. Send your check to Greater Gallatin United Way and write 211 on your memo line; 100 percent of your gift will help 211. Mail to 1516 W. Babcock, #2, Bozeman, MT, 59715. Or give online at GreaterGallatinUnitedWay.org.

ADVOCATE.

Champion the cause. ▶
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- Refer your friends, family and coworkers. At one time or another, everyone needs a helping hand or someone to listen.
- If you are an organization helping people, visit montana211.org to ensure you are listed and that your information is correct.

VOLUNTEER.

Give your time. ▶
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- If you are a local program or organization seeking volunteers, please visit www.volunteermt.org to post your volunteer opportunities.