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June 2020



United Way's Relief Call Center powered by Driving The Dream

- 275 requests total (April - June)
- 90 calls received June 1-19
- Top requests:
 - Income (54)
 - Shelter/Housing (30)
 - Food & Nutrition (19)
 - Employment (10)
 - Healthcare (9)

Financial assistance available for families that qualify for free and reduced school lunches

Tennessee Department of Human Services & Tennessee Department of Education

The Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) and the Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE) announced **Tennessee families are now eligible to receive financial support for their children's nutritional needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.** This support is provided through the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program.

Under the new P-EBT program, **families of children who receive free or reduced meals at school or attend a Community Eligibility Provision school may receive financial assistance to replace school meals** during the months of March, April and May due to COVID-19 school closures. The program will provide parents with \$5.70 per child for each day that child qualifies for P-EBT.

Parents who already receive SNAP or TANF benefits currently, don't need to apply. The funds began arriving on the EBT cards on June 12. Parents who do not receive SNAP benefits, but whose children do qualify for free or reduced school meals, will need to apply for P-EBT online [here](#) beginning June 15. **The application period will end June 29, 2020.**

Individuals who need assistance completing their P-EBT application or have general questions about the program can **call the TDHS hotline at 1-833-496-0661** and select option 3. Qualifying families will receive P-EBT support in two installments, one for meals in March and April initially, and then one additional disbursement later next month for May meals. [Learn more](#)

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Dress for Success Memphis - Join the women and volunteers of Dress for Success for an hour of networking and learning at these upcoming Virtual Workshops.

- **Get Organized with Horderly** - [Register](#)

Driving The Dream Systems Training: CaseWorthy - [Register](#)

For assistance with the CaseWorthy system, including training and login issues, please contact Candace.Sanders@uwmidssouth.org. For all other questions or concerns related to DTD technical systems, please contact Eric.Burden@uwmidssouth.org.

Leadership Memphis invites you to join our Virtual Conversations as we talk about Leadership during COVID-19. View upcoming webinars and archives [here](#).

Momentum Nonprofit Partners to host virtual training opportunities - [Register](#) for an upcoming session

Southwest Tennessee Community College - Southwest Workforce & Community Solutions is offering **10 free online, self-paced tutorial courses** to uplift businesses and individuals. Offer ends June 30, so [sign up](#) today!

Partner Agency Updates

For now, almost all of our DTD partner agencies are staying put and have not yet implemented plans to reopen. We will share status and reopening plans as they become available from our partners.

- **Dress for Success Memphis** - We will be accepting donations June 23rd - June 25th, 10am - 1pm. We will resume clothing donations on Tuesday, July 28, 2020. We ask for your patience and understanding as we maneuver through the COVID-19 Crisis and development with our "new normal" of service delivery. In the meantime, please consider donating Financially to our cause via our website at memphis.dressforsuccess.org.
 - Monday, June 22nd: We will be launching our Virtual Career Center. We ask that women in need please log in and schedule their personal Coaching Sessions. Log in to our website under Client Services.
 - Monday, June 29th: We will pause acceptance of Clothing Donations in order to organize and prepare for distribution to our clients in need. We will resume clothing collections on Tuesday, July 28, 2020.
 - Tuesday, July 28th: We will resume accepting clothing donations from 10am - 1pm.
- **Living Grace Memphis** - We are following the lead of SCS. There are no plans to reopen at this time.
- **One by One Ministries** - Our office is fully open now, M-F 8-4:30. Our staff members are increasing their time in the office every week, and by July 20th all staff will be back in the office full time.
- **United Way's Free Tax Prep Program** - Individuals and families who qualify for Free Tax Prep – with incomes less than \$56,000 in 2019 – can file their taxes using the Drive-Thru Drop-Off operation at the United Way Plaza, 1005 Tillman Street. Volunteers will direct traffic. This service will continue through to July 15, except for Friday, July 3rd and Saturday, July 4th. Our operating hours are Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Click [here](#) for more information.

DTD Updates

If your agency has an update to share, please email Chelsea.Brock@uwmidssouth.org or Karlescja.Brookins@uwmidssouth.org so we can maintain accurate information. Additionally, you can contact your associate to provide, or receive, updated information.

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