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Get Connected.
Get Answers.
Dial 2-1-1.

This week in Union County you will see “Call 2-1-1.” What is 2-1-1 and how can it help you with human and health service needs?

Local residents now have access to receive information about available health and human services, at no cost to them, by dialing 2-1-1. A local call center has been in the planning and implementation stages the past two years for east central Indiana, which includes the counties of Fayette, Franklin, Rush, Union and Wayne. Prior to the local effort to bring 2-1-1 to this region, local residents had no 2-1-1 services available.

Call 2-1-1 for information and referral for local human services, health services and opportunities to help in your community:

- Food Banks and Food Assistance Programs
- Housing Needs and Homeless Shelters
- Utility and Financial Assistance
- Health Services and Long-Term Care Programs
- Foster Parenting and Adoptions
- Volunteer Opportunity
- Abuse Shelters
- Clothing Assistance
- Other Human Needs Information

2-1-1 service is available 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. A trained professional will answer your call and assist you by providing information and referral to help you locate sources for assistance. All calls are confidential.

Union County businesses will be helping promote the availability of 2-1-1 services:

- Bertsch and Son Hardware will be running 2-1-1 information on its message boards;
- Woodruff’s Supermarket will be placing 2-1-1 flyers in bags this week;
- Union County Transit drivers will be giving riders 2-1-1 information cards and refrigerator magnets;
- Whitewater Valley REMC will have 2-1-1 information available at the office counter this week;
- Energy Plus sign will promote 2-1-1 and have printed information available.

Garry Sayne and Jennifer English are Union County representatives on the regional 2-1-1 Advisory Board.

The 2-1-1 service for Union County is made possible by funding from Whitewater Valley United Way.

Union County health and human services agencies may contact 2-1-1 for inclusion in the database if not already included.