

**TRI-COUNTY
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Holmes, Walton, & Washington
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& Santa Rosa Counties



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“HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES”

VISION STATEMENT

Tri-County Community Council, Inc., is a non-profit organization with a vision to unite both the public and private sectors for the purpose of improving the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities by enhancing the opportunities for success with the goal of eliminating poverty.

TRANSPORTATION - Provides transportation trips for local non-emergency medical treatment, nutritional, shopping, education, recreation, employment/training and other daily needs. Non-sponsored riders are provided services following an established trip prioritization set by the Local Coordinating Board. A 24-hour advance notice is required. **Contact Persons** Tara Finch - Operations Manager - Point of Contact for Holmes and Washington Counties; Vince Staten - Bay County Program Manager; Inez Cassidy - Walton County Program Manager;

HEAD START - Serves two hundred and three (203) three (3) and four (4) year old children from families with low-income according to the Poverty Guidelines published by the federal government. The program promotes school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services. **Contact Persons** - Kim Gillis, Director; Cynthia Brown, Chipley Center Coordinator; Kathy Johnson, Walton Center Coordinator; Michelle Howard, Chautauqua Center Coordinator; Kathy Shull, Westville Center Coordinator.

COMMUNITY SERVICES/COMMUNITY SERVICES ARRA - Community services provided include self-sufficiency, transportation, education, supportive services, youth development, emergency assistance, food pantry, and teen gifts. **Contact Persons** - Cindy Lee - Community Resource Director; Angie Moore - Director's Assistant; Charlotte Shirah - Holmes Community Specialist; Ashley Johnson & Paula Meeks - Okaloosa Community Specialist; Lisa Biddle - Jackson & Washington Community Specialist; Bridgett Cassidy - Bay County Community Specialist; Susan Bakalo - Walton Community Specialist.

LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP) - The purpose of this program is to provide assistance to meet the cost of home heating and cooling needs for eligible individuals and households and also to provide assistance in emergency situations to eligible individuals and families who are without home energy or in danger of losing home energy during a crisis. **Contact Persons** - Cindy Lee - Community Resource Director; Angie Moore - Director's Assistant; Charlotte Shirah - Holmes Community Specialist; Ashley Johnson & Paula Meeks - Okaloosa Community Specialist; Pam Hall - Santa Rosa Community Specialist; Susan Balalo - Walton Community Specialist; Lisa Biddle - Washington Community Specialist

EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER - Provides emergency assistance to low-income individuals for food, shelter and utilities in Holmes and Washington Counties. **Contact Persons** - Cindy Lee - Community Resource

Director; Angie Moore - Director's Assistant; Charlotte Shirah - Holmes Community specialist; Lisa Biddle - Washington Community Specialist; Walton County only provides emergency shelter assistance. Contact person - Susan Bakalo - Walton Community Specialist.

CANNING CENTERS- Two well equipped facilities are available for public usage allowing low-income families to prepare, process, can (jar), and bag large quantities of food at no cost, and at minimal cost to other clients. **Contact Persons** - Cindy Lee - Community Resource Director; Susan Bakalo - Walton Community Specialist; Lisa Biddle - Washington Community Specialist..

VISITATION CENTER - This program provides children in protective custody an opportunity to visit with parents in a supervised setting in Calhoun, Holmes, Jackson and Washington Counties. **Contact Persons** - Cindy Lee - Community Resource Director; Jeanne Sapia - Washington County Visitation Specialist; Rebecca Golden - Holmes County Visitation Specialist; Joyce Schultz - Calhoun and Jackson Visitation Specialist.

HUD SECTION 8 RENTAL ASSISTANCE - This program provides 155 units of safe housing for the economically disadvantaged, elderly and handicapped in Washington County. **Contact Persons** - Tara Finch - HUD Section 8 Program Manager; Stacie Jensen - Program Asst. Manager.

WEATHERIZATION ARRA - The purpose of this program is to weatherize homes in order to stop air infiltration. The work includes caulking, weatherstripping of doors, attic insulation and ventilation, insulation of electric hot water heaters, window and door replacement and repair, window glazing, and repair of exterior walls, ceilings and floors. **Contact Person** - Carol Edwards - Energy Conservation Program Manager - for Holmes, Walton, and Washington Counties; Vanessa Pfalzer - contact for Jackson County.

STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP (SHIP) - This program provides services in Holmes and Walton Counties and the homeowner must have a deed to their property. The home repairs consist of roofs, porches, steps, handrails, handicap showers, commodes, plumbing, wheelchair ramps, floor repair and floor covering, wall repair, kitchen and bathroom cabinets, windows, doors, insulation, air conditioning and heating systems, exterior painting, septic tanks, wells, pump repair and replacement, drain lines, and other repairs that are necessary for the health and safety of the client. The client must be willing to sign a lien for a five (5) year period. Mobile homes are excluded from this program. Call (850) 547-3688 for more information.

FUND RAISING - We receive Federal funding for several grants and are required to raise matching funds varying from 2% to twenty percent. We conduct several fund raisers each year to help meet this match. Fund raisers include: United Way, support from county commissioners, raffles, annual yard sale and plate dinners. We also accept donations of cash and tangible property.

PINK - Protection Is IN Knowledge - Serves women in Holmes County with mammogram screening for Breast Cancer when no other resources are available. **Contact Person** - Cindy Lee - Community Resource Director,

Angie Moore - Director's Assistant.

Project Share - The purpose of this program is to provide assistance with emergency water to eligible individuals and families in Walton County. Contact Person - Susan Bakalo - Walton Community Specialist.

EARLY HEAD START (EHS) ARRA- Serves thirty-six (36) low-income infants, toddlers, pregnant women and their families. The EHS program will enhance children's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development; assist pregnant women to access comprehensive prenatal and postpartum care; support parents' efforts to fulfill their parental roles; and help parents move toward self-sufficiency. The EHS program is being offered only in DeFuniak Springs through home-base services. If you are interested in the program please call Kim Gillis or Barbara Lawniczak at 548-9900.