

**TRI-COUNTY
COMMUNITY COUNCIL, INC.**

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A Community Action Agency
Serving
Holmes, Walton, & Washington
Counties
Since 1965

Also, Now Serving
Bay, Jackson, Okaloosa,
& Santa Rosa Counties



A United Way Agency

**“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** - Joel Paul - Executive Director; Vince Staten - Bay County Program Manager; Cyndi Jackson - Holmes County Program Manager; Inez Cassidy - Walton County Program Manager; Tara Finch - Washington 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; Ruth Kelley, Chautauqua Center Coordinator; Kathy Shull, Westville Center Coordinator.

COMMUNITY SERVICES/COMMUNITY SERVICES ARRA - Community services provided include self-sufficiency, transportation, domestic violence, supportive services, youth development, Adopt-A-Friend, emergency assistance, food pantry, and teen gifts. **Contact Persons** - Cindy Lee - Community Resource Director; Angie Moore - Holmes Community Specialist; Ashley Johnson & Paula Meeks - Okaloosa Community Specialist, Linda Allen - Santa Rosa Community Specialist; Bertha Hood - Walton Community Specialist; Lisa Biddle - Washington Community Specialist; Terrie Tegl - Jackson 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 - Holmes Community Specialist; Jan Lieberman - Walton Community Specialist; Lisa Biddle - Washington Community Specialist; Pam Hall - Santa Rosa Community Specialist; Ashley Johnson & Paula Meeks - Okaloosa 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 - Holmes Community Specialist; Pam Hall - Santa Rosa Community Specialist; Lisa Biddle - Washington Community Specialist. Walton County only provides emergency shelter assistance. **Contact Person** - Jan Lieberman - 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; Lisa Biddle, Washington Community Specialist; Bertha Hood - Walton 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; Catherine Bailey - Washington County Visitation Specialist; Rebecca Golden - Holmes County Visitation Specialist; Joyce Shultz - Jackson County and Calhoun County 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.

LOW-INCOME EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR PROGRAM - This program provides repair or replacement of unsafe or nonfunctional heating, air conditioning or water heating systems, plumbing, pump, well and line repairs to ensure safe drinking water and sanitary sewage, repairs to deteriorating interior or exterior walls, floors and roofs, correcting rotting or other deficiencies in support beams, load bearing walls and floor joists and other interior and exterior repairs that are necessary for the health and safety of the resident. **Contact Person** - Carol Edwards - Energy Conservation Program Manager.

WEATHERIZATION/LIHEAP - This program has two (2) options. Option One: 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. Option Two: Heating and or cooling or water heating. For an appliance to be replaced the existing system must be energy inefficient, inoperable, not repairable at a reasonable cost, or unsafe. **Contact Person** - Carol Edwards - Energy Conservation Program Manager.

WEATHERIZATION/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.

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. **Contact Person** - Carol Edwards - Energy Conservation Program Manager.

FARMERS HOME PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM - Applications for this program are taken from the Weatherization Program for clients that qualify for this program. Repairs covered under this program include replacement of windows and doors, insulation, air conditioning and heating systems, roof repair and replacement, cabinets, septic systems, wells, handicap shower units, painting, plumbing, porches, steps, handrails, handicap commodes, wheelchair ramps, floor, ceiling and wall repairs and other health and safety related measures. Mobile homes are excluded from this program. **Contact Person** - Carol Edwards - Energy Conservation Program Manager.

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 - Holmes County 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.