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### HRDC 7 Helps Households impacted by COVID-19

HRDC7 is dedicated to assisting households that have been impacted by COVID-19. If you have experienced the loss of a job or income due to the pandemic, we may be able to help. Through the agency's Adaptive Technology Program; eligible participants affected by the virus can receive supportive services that help them continue their education, or find a job.

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## TAX TIME - DON'T WORRY WE CAN HELP!



HRDC's VITA Program, (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) is currently processing 2020 tax returns. VITA is now accepting appointments. Call 406-247-4710

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Checking on  
your tax refund?  
Use the IRS tool  
"Where's My  
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[www.irs.gov/refunds](http://www.irs.gov/refunds)



To check the status of your IRS tax refund using "Where's My Refund?," you'll need:

- Your SSN or ITIN
- Your tax filing status
- The exact amount of the refund you claimed
- Visit: [www.irs.gov/refunds](http://www.irs.gov/refunds)

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## VISTA program at VITA

We welcomed this lovely group from the VISTA program to the agency to help finish up the VITA season. They come to us all the way from the east coast, and are looking forward to taking in some Montana culture while they are here.



## Coming Soon: Montana Emergency Rental Assistance Program

The Montana Emergency Rental Assistance program will provide rent and utility assistance to Montanans who have been financially impacted, directly or indirectly, by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Renters will be able to apply directly for rent and utility assistance, and landlords will be able to apply on behalf of renters with the renter's co-signature and required documentation.

Renters will need to provide income documentation to verify program eligibility. To streamline the application review process, we recommend renters file their 2020 tax return now and have that document available to submit when the program opens for applications. The program is still being developed, but you can begin preparing for your application.

[Click Here](#) for more information.

## Energy Assistance- What To Know



Previous Year Energy Share Coloring Contest Award Winner in Yellowstone County

Photo Courtesy of Energy Share Facebook

### Energy Share

Many people are unaware of Energy Share and its versatility. This program is designed to help individuals and families with difficult energy situations. It's a loan type program with no interest, or strict repayment schedules, to help those who may not qualify for other programs such as LIEAP. If you are experiencing a difficult energy situation, help is available. Energy Share can help with everything from deposits to disconnects, it can cover old bills, restore services, pay for firewood, or propane if your tank is less than 10%. The program even helped one household with the cost of installing an electric service pole.

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### Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)

In 2020-21, the Low Income Energy Assistance Program, LIEAP, has received almost 3000 applications. LIEAP assists low income households with their primary heating source for the duration of the heating season. The amount of assistance a



household receives is determined by poverty level, the size of the home, and heat source (Propane, Electric, Gas, Wood, Fuel Oil). LIEAP can help with energy assistance even if heat is included as part of rent. The account does not need to be in the applicant's name to qualify.

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## President Biden Announces Vaccine Priority for Child Care, Head Start, and Early Childhood Settings

"Over 30 states have already taken steps to prioritize educators for vaccination. And today, I'm using the full authority of the federal government. I'm directing every state to do the same. My challenge to all states, territories, and the District of Columbia is this: We want every educator, school staff member, childcare worker to receive at least one shot by the end of the month of March." - President Joe Biden

On March 1, 2021, President Biden announced that he is directing states to prioritize teachers, early educators, and child care staff for COVID-19 vaccination. He issued a challenge to states to provide at least the first vaccine dose to teachers and early educators by the end of the month. This includes pre-kindergarten through 12th grade teachers, people who work in child care centers, family child care providers, and Head Start and Early Head Start program staff. Vaccines will be available in pharmacy locations. Staff in child care, Head Start, and other early childhood settings will be able to sign up for appointments.

The Partnership is encouraged by this announcement given the number of Community Action Agencies that operate Head Start, Early Head Start, and child care programs. We look forward to sharing more information as it becomes available.

Watch the President's announcement. [Click here.](#)



### Child Care Provider Trainings

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