



# District 7, Human Resources Development Council

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## The Latest....

### LIHEAP & Youth moved office locations

Services for Youth and LIHEAP have moved to the 2nd floor of the main HRDC building at 7 North 31st St. This is where client specialists for LIHEAP and Youth will be located here including the Alternative Education Center which is now in the Yellowstone Room. All phone numbers for these departments will remain the same.

All Weatherization Services and installation crews will remain in the Energy Assistance Building located at 3116 1st Avenue North. Please call our main line at 406-247-4732 with any questions about these changes.



### Reminders

#### Best Beginnings Update

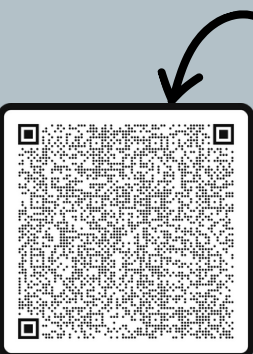
- New Application Packets
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#### Office Closures

- Presidents' Day: 2/17

#### Billings JobService at HRDC

- Wednesdays 1-3 pm



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### How CACFP helps child care providers



For licensed child care providers, CACFP can provide meal reimbursements for the foods they provide to the children in their care. The program helps reduce child care costs while ensuring children receive healthy, nutritious meals. Eligible child care providers are given

cash reimbursement for serving meals that meet Federal nutritional guidelines, outlined in the CACFP meal pattern. The CACFP program is available for Registered Family and Group Child Care Programs, covering counties on the south eastern side of the state. If you are interested in becoming a CACFP provider, please contact our office today! Call 406-247-4732 or email [childcare@hrdc7.org](mailto:childcare@hrdc7.org).

Licensed Child Care Centers must apply by calling 888-307-9333 or applying at <https://webapp.hhs.mt.gov/cacfp/login>.

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# Community Spotlight: Yellowstone CoC

*“There are so many reasons someone may become unhoused. It is important to ensure we are doing all we can as a community to work together and make the process of getting housed easy, trauma-informed, and client-centered.”*

The Yellowstone County Continuum of Care (CoC) has been vital in providing support for some of the most vulnerable populations in our community. CoC partners consist of local organizations that are incredibly passionate about serving people who are unhoused and work hard every day to provide services to this community. The CoC’s role is to promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness and are significantly proactive of this pursuit.

In 2024, 374 people were successfully housed through the CoC’s Coordinated Entry System. This entry system includes 21 agencies and 36 Client Advocates actively attending case conferencing every other Thursday. Case managers meet during case conferencing and work together to house our community’s most vulnerable population.

The coalition is currently working on facilitating conversations about Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). Permanent supportive housing is a model used to house people facing chronic homelessness. In combination with on-site services like mental health counseling, substance use counseling, and crisis stabilization, tenants in PSH can get the support they need to maintain successful housing.

Yellowstone CoC is constantly working to create helpful resources for the unhoused population. We are incredibly proud to partner with them. Visit [yellowstonecoc.org](http://yellowstonecoc.org) to learn more about this amazing organization and its upcoming initiatives!

## Cheers to RETIREMENT!

We had two wonderful employees retire from their positions in January. They will be greatly missed!



Dana - 44 years



Janet - 12 years

### Upcoming Classes & Events

- Angela’s Piazza
- Family Tree Nurturing Center
- Gratitude in Action (G.I.A)
- Downtown ArtWalk
- First Free Friday
- St. Patrick's Day Parade & Celtic Fair

**Have an event or class you want featured? email [info@hrdc7.org](mailto:info@hrdc7.org) or call 406-247-4743!**