



## **PATH-O-GRAM**

**4/16/2021**

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*Upcoming dates:*

**Next POG:** 4/30/2021

*- Interested in submitting a listing in the POG? Please scroll to the bottom to see instructions!*

### **[COVID-19 Resources](#)**

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#### **COVID-19 Vaccine**

McLean County will be administering the COVID-19 vaccine in accordance with the guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), and The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

**Beginning April 5 - Any resident age 16 and up is eligible.**

Appointments are required for vaccine clinics. You must be at least 18 years old for the Moderna vaccine and 16-17 year old must have a parent or guardian present for the Pfizer vaccine.

**McLean County Health Department** - <https://health.mcleancountyil.gov/791/Vaccination-Clinics>

**McLean County Health Department COVID-19 Call Center-** (309) 888-5600, M-F, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

**Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)** - Vaccine Hotline: (833) 621-1284, Daily, 6:00 am - 12:00 pm. Or go Online - <http://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccine-faq>

**Pharmacy information - COVID-19 Vaccine:**

**Walgreens** - <https://www.walgreens.com/topic/promotion/covid-vaccine.jsp>

**Jewel Osco** - <https://www.jewelosc.com/pharmacy/covid-19.html>

**HyVee** - <https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine>

**Kroger** - <https://www.kroger.com/rx/guest/get-vaccinated>

**United Way of McLean County**

Volunteers from the United Way of McLean County are standing ready to assist Seniors/Individuals who need help in securing their COVID-19 Vaccine appointments because they do not have access to a computer or they are not computer savvy. Those individuals should contact Gloria Spinks with the United Way at 309-828-7383 or [gspinks@uwaymc.org](mailto:gspinks@uwaymc.org)

**Illinois Department of Public Health**

COVID-19 HOTLINE. Any questions about Coronavirus - such as what one should do if they are feeling sick – or any other concerns –call the Illinois Department of Public Health Hotline at: (800) 889-3931. For more information, visit their website at [www.dph.illinois.gov](http://www.dph.illinois.gov)

**CDC - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

For global and national questions about COVID-19, visit the CDC website. This website has accurate updates, what you need to know, and resources for the community.

[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

**Path Crisis Center**

For information about health and human services in McLean County please call our 24/7 hotline by dialing 2-1-1, or view our online database at [www.Findhelp211.org](http://www.Findhelp211.org)

**Drive-Thru COVID-19 Testing Site Located in Bloomington**

Reditus Laboratories from Pekin, IL operates the drive-thru COVID-19 Community Based Testing Site at the Interstate Center. Reditus processes the tests and transmits the results to a state call center. A self-swab test is used; each person swabbing is instructed and monitored by on-site staff.

Testing at this site is not limited to McLean County Residents.

***Additional clarification on changes has been received from the state:***

The Community Based Testing Sites are all now required by the State of Illinois to collect health insurance information either during online pre-registration or on-site. People with health insurance are not billed for co-pays or costs not covered by health insurance and people without insurance will continue to be covered by the state or Cares Act. Testing is still free of cost to all individuals.

***Pre-Registration:***

Go to [www.testdirectly.com/mclean](http://www.testdirectly.com/mclean), create a new account (or login if you have one). *Note: Every person being tested*

has to use a separate email account or results will be overridden. If registering multiple persons it works best to use a tablet, computer, or separate smartphones. Following account set-up, a confirmation email will be sent, click that link and begin registering. Answer the applicable questions; when you get to Payment Source - select Free.; then click Place Order. A confirmation screen will pop-up and will also be emailed to you. **You will need this document when you check-in at the site to test.** Electronic registration is available on-site but will take longer.

***On-Site Procedure:***

Please wear a mask and follow the directions of the testing staff. Patients arriving by public transportation will be directed inside the building. When it is safe (moving vehicles) staff will work with people that are on foot. The Connect Transit Shuttle Bus operates from the West Side Walmart to the testing site on: Tues, Thurs, & Sat, 10:00 am - 11:30 am and 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm.

***Location and NEW Hours!!:***

The drive thru testing site is located at the Interstate Center/McLean County Fair Grounds, 1106 Interstate Dr, Bloomington. **Now open: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat**, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. They will be closed on holidays and will close early or open late in the event of severe weather.

***Results:***

You will receive a sticker after testing with an Order ID (top number) and a Key. You can go to [www.testdirectly.com](http://www.testdirectly.com), select the results tab at the top of the page, and enter this information to see your results when they become available, usually a couple days. You can also log into your account, view them, and screen print them if needed. All individuals tested will also receive a call from the state contracted call center with their results in 3-7 days, that number is 1-888-297-7208. If you receive your results online and the COVID virus was detected please stay home and isolate until you receive further instructions from the call center or another medical professional.

**Note:** *First responders, medical personnel, long term care staff, and people that are being tested for upcoming medical procedures need to tell the staff at both check-in and the testing station that they are in one of these categories so their results can be marked stat.*

**If you are experiencing a medical emergency, call 911.**

**COVID-19 Testing Site Shuttle**

COVID-19 Testing Site Shuttle departs from the Connect Transit bus stop located outside of the Bloomington Walmart.

The shuttle will run on **Wednesdays and Saturdays.**

**Follow the McLean County Emergency Management Agency on Facebook for schedule information:** <https://www.facebook.com/McLeanCountyEMA>

**The Town of Normal COVID-19-Related Housing Assistance Program**

The Town of Normal and Mid Central Community Action (MCCA) have partnered in the creation of an assistance program for residents suffering from income or job loss due to the pandemic. The program uses dollars the Town received as part of the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (C.A.R.E.S.) Act.

The COVID-19-Related Housing Assistance Program is available to any household (individuals or families) residing within the municipal limits of the Town of Normal that has a documented job or income loss occurring as a result of the present pandemic **AND** that meets certain income qualifications. The program will assist income-qualified residents for up to three months, or \$3,000 total in a single year.

The amount of funding currently available to the housing program is roughly \$360,000. The Town of Normal's COVID-19-Related Housing Assistance Program is just one of several local programs designed to assist residents in need. Those needing assistance can call PATH at 2-1-1 to begin the referral process.

Program guidelines, application materials and information on how best to submit applications is available online at <https://www.normal.org/1487/COVID-19-Related-Housing-Assistance-Prog>.

Please contact Associate Planner **Taylor Long** at **(309) 454-9642** or via email at [tlong@normal.org](mailto:tlong@normal.org) with any questions.

## [Announcements](#)

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### **Mid Central Community Action**

#### **New Release**

MCCA is now open by Appointment Only!

McLean & Livingston Counties

Mid Central Community Action has opened to the public by appointment only effective April 1, 2021.

To make an appointment please see contact information below.

- LIHEAP please contact Cassie Brown 309-834-9203
- Financial Opportunity Center® services for employment coaching, financial coaching, and housing counseling appointments can be accessed by contacting Kathy at 309-834-9242
- Town of Normal Rental or Utility Assistance please contact Sam Miller 309-834-9247
- City of Bloomington Rental or Mortgage Assistance please contact Teri Moews 309-834-9224
- Income Supports for McLean County contact Teri Moews 309-834-9224

- Income Supports for Livingston County please contact Laura Grant 309-834-9227
- Countering Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline 309-827-7070
- Agency Phone Number 309-829-0691

Only customers directly working with a coach will be allowed in the building. If assistance is required please contact your coach.

### **LIFE Center for Independent Living**

LIFE Center for Independent Living, LIFE Cil, is now accepting appointments for low vision services at their Bloomington location. 2201 Eastland Dr. Suite 1.

If you are 55 or older and have been diagnosed with age related macular degeneration, diabetic eye disease, glaucoma, or cataracts, or any other eye disease, you qualify for low vision services. The low vision advocate, Kim, is able to assist you in the selection of low vision magnifiers, video magnifiers, large print items, and talking products at no charge. She can also teach independent living skills, such as using a sharp knife, or matching clothing, teaching the use of an I phone or I pad.

Due to the Covid Pandemic, we are only taking appointments at the office in Bloomington. Please call Kim at 309-663-5433 or e mail her at , [kim@lifecil.org](mailto:kim@lifecil.org)

All persons coming in for an appointment are required to wear a face mask unless there is a medical reason that impairs their ability to wear one.

### **Bloomington Public Library / Memory Care Collection**

Bloomington Public Library recently added a Memory Care Collection which aims to support dementia patients, caregivers, and medical professionals through the varying stages of this life-altering disease.

The materials in this collection -- informational resources, books for kids with family members suffering from dementia, biographies, memoirs, DVDs, activity books, and reading materials for dementia patients -- help stimulate memory, educate, and help reduce nervousness, stress, and anxiety.

To learn more about the Memory Care Collection and other local Memory Care-related resources, visit [bloomingtonlibrary.org/memoryCare/](http://bloomingtonlibrary.org/memoryCare/) or call 309.590.6168.

### **Bloomington Public Library / Plant Swap**

- Sunday, May 16
- 2pm; Library's North Patio
- Registration required

The BPL Plant Swap is back by popular demand -- and now with a DIY Chia Pet craft for kids!

Plant swappers: bring your plants, cuttings and seeds to share, and take some new plants home. Introduce your plant to its new parent, and be ready to share information like its name and its light, soil, and water preferences. Please label plants before the swap to save yourself some time!

Bring your kids along to make their own Chia Pet from scratch! Supplies are limited to the first 20 kids who want to make their own little friend.

This event is outdoors on the Library's North Patio.

If you need help keeping your plants happy, you can swap tips with other plant parents and check out a plant care book or two.

- 2pm: Plants will be set out for viewing, and craft time begins.
- 2:30pm: Swapping starts (Don't be late; the swap goes fast and can be over in a matter of minutes!)

Online registration for this program can be completed at [bit.ly/bplplantswap2021](http://bit.ly/bplplantswap2021). You may also register by calling 309.590.6168, or by visiting the Adult Services Desk at the Library and registering in person.

*In the case of inclement weather, the plant swap will be postponed to a later date.*

### **Bloomington Public Library / Club de Lectura en Español**

- Thursday, May 20
- 7pm; online via Zoom

Únase a nosotros en línea a través de Zoom para una conversación en español sobre El cuento de la criada de Margaret Atwood.

Lea el libro antes de la fecha de la discusión grupal. Las copias del libro estarán disponibles para su lectura un mes antes de la discusión. Para obtener una copia del libro, comuníquese con el mostrador de servicios para adultos de la Biblioteca al 309.590.6168 o [reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org). Si no tiene una tarjeta de biblioteca, visite [bit.ly/bplgetacard](http://bit.ly/bplgetacard) o póngase en contacto con la biblioteca para obtener ayuda para registrarse para obtener una tarjeta de biblioteca.

Este programa está patrocinado por Conexiones Latinas de McLean County ([conexiones-latinas.squarespace.com](http://conexiones-latinas.squarespace.com)) en cooperación con Bloomington Public Library y está abierto a adultos y adolescentes hispanohablantes de todos los niveles.

El registro en línea para este programa se puede completar en [bit.ly/bplespanol052021](http://bit.ly/bplespanol052021) o llame al 309.560.6168.

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- Thursday, May 20

- Spanish Book Club
- 7pm; online via Zoom

Please join us online via Zoom for a conversation in Spanish about *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood.

Read the book before the date of the group discussion. Copies of the book will be available for check out one month before the discussion. To obtain a copy of the book, contact the Library's Adult Services Desk at 309.590.6168 or [reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org). If you don't have a library card, visit [bit.ly/bplgetacard](http://bit.ly/bplgetacard) or contact the Library for help registering for a library card.

This program is sponsored by Conexiones Latinas de McLean County ([conexiones-latinas.squarespace.com](http://conexiones-latinas.squarespace.com)) in cooperation with Bloomington Public Library and is open to adult and teen Spanish speakers of all levels.

Online registration for this program can be completed at [bit.ly/bplespanol052021](http://bit.ly/bplespanol052021). You may also register by calling 309.590.6168.

#### **Dreams are Possible – Mobile Pride Parade**

A collaboration of social service providers will host the second annual Mobile Pride Parade in Miller Park June 12, 2021. You are more than welcome to come with your cars, trucks, bikes and/or buses decorated. However, there will be volunteers available between 10:00am-12:00pm in Miller Park ready and willing to help decorate your car with you. We will line up at 12:30pm and start the parade at 1:00pm. If you have any questions, require any clarifications, would like to volunteer or have your agency information distributed during the event, please do not hesitate to contact Gaynett Hoskins via email ([ghoskins@childrenshomeandaid.org](mailto:ghoskins@childrenshomeandaid.org)) or phone (309-287-5109). Spectators are welcome and strongly encouraged.

#### **Input Sought: Town of Normal CDBG Program's Proposed 2021-2022 Action Plan**

As an Entitlement Community receiving annual grants on a formula basis from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Town of Normal is required to craft and adopt an annual Action Plan detailing the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the coming program year. The 2021-2022 Action Plan describes CDBG-funded projects and activities proposed for the period between April 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022. This will be the second year of the Town's current five-year Consolidated Plan.

The Town's annual entitlement grant for program year 2021-2022 will be \$441,690. In addition to the entitlement grant, the Town expects to have \$2,000 in program income and roughly \$ 297,890 in carryover funds from prior program years. Additionally, in Program Year 2021-2022, the Town will have \$453,861 in remaining CDBG-CV (Coronavirus) funds to put toward its [COVID-19-Related Housing Assistance Program](#). The Action Plan was prepared in accordance with regulations established by HUD for CDBG entitlement communities.

To gather meaningful community input, the Program Year 2021-2022 Action Plan is now available for public review and comment on the Town's website, [www.normal.org/105/Community-Development-Block-Grant](http://www.normal.org/105/Community-Development-Block-Grant), until April 30, 2021. The plan will also be available for review in hard copy at Town Clerk's Office on the 2nd Floor of Uptown

Station (11 Uptown Circle) or at the main desk of the Normal Public Library at 206 W College Avenue.

Public comments on the plan will be accepted Thursday, April 1, 2021 through Friday, April 30, 2021 at 5 p.m. Written comments should be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office on the second floor of Uptown Station (11 Uptown Circle, Normal, IL 61761) or in writing to: Town of Normal, Attn: Associate Planner, P.O. Box 589, Normal, IL 61761 or [tlong@normal.org](mailto:tlong@normal.org).

Please contact Taylor Long, (309) 454-9642, or via email at [tlong@normal.org](mailto:tlong@normal.org) with any questions.

### **Eastview Food Pantry NEW HOURS!**

- New Food Pantry hours as of 4/6/21.
- *We will no longer have Tuesday evening hours.*
- The new hours will be Tuesdays from 1-3pm, Wednesdays from 10-12pm and 5:30-7:30 pm

The Eastview Food Pantry is a local ministry providing food, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, and personal care items to residents of McLean County.

Special Covid distancing and safety measures are in place which allows guests to safely shop indoors.

- Guests may use the pantry every other week.
- Only one resident at each address can use the pantry. Children, spouses, family members, and friends may not shop with resident.
- MUST bring documents required.

Two separate items are required:

- (1) A photo ID.
- (2) A piece of mail within last 60 days showing household address.

For more information call: (309) 451-5056 – Recording of Food Pantry Hours or (309) 451-5000.

### **Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) Events:**

*“Collaborating to Build and Empower Communities of Recovery”*

*Improving health, wellness, and recovery for individuals and families, with or at risk of substance use/mental health afflictions, to promote healthy and safe communities.*

The ROSC's mission is to organize addiction and/or co-occurring disorders treatment that involve the community. ROSC also seeks to de-stigmatize addiction and co-occurring disorders. If the community agrees that addiction is a problem, hopefully, the community as a whole (not just the recovery community) is willing to be part of the solution.



Join us for the ROSC Council Meetings. They are open to all members of the community and on the third Tuesday of the month: 3:30-4:30 <https://zoom.us/j/3729798714>

**Like and subscribe to our YouTube page:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe17dMnMe0IKI19pmARgj8Q>

### **ROSC Workgroups**

The ROSC sub-committees allow ROSC members to take more ownership and bring us closer to one of ultimate goals of becoming a RCO (Recovery Community Organization) in McLean County. These groups also serve an easy way for ROSC newcomers to become involved or for those unable to normally attend the council meetings to help serve the ROSC.

**Behavioral Health & Wellness** – please email [acchasensky@chestnut.org](mailto:acchasensky@chestnut.org) to become involved.

**Spirituality** – Please email [dasokulski@chestnut.org](mailto:dasokulski@chestnut.org) to become involved.

**Sober Living** - Please email [dasokulski@chestnut.org](mailto:dasokulski@chestnut.org) to become involved.

**Sober Recreation** – Please email [acchasensky@chestnut.org](mailto:acchasensky@chestnut.org) or [dasokulski@chestnut.org](mailto:dasokulski@chestnut.org) to become involved.

### **PATH Crisis Center**

All resource seminars have been canceled until further notice due to COVID-19. Please contact the Database Department for more information (309) 828-1022.

### **Mid Central Community Action- MCCA**

For LIHEAP applications, please contact Cassie at 309-834-9203 or Fini at 309-834-9200.

For essential needs and resources, please contact Laura at 309-834-9227 or Jennifer at 309-834-9226.

Our Countering Domestic Violence services for emergency shelter, Orders of Protection, counseling, and support can be accessed through our 24-hour hotline at 309-827-7070.

Our Financial Opportunity Center services for employment coaching, financial coaching, housing counseling, and support can be accessed by contacting Kathy at 309-834-9242.

We are not accepting guests at Mayors Manor, Bloomington Corporate office, or Pontiac Satellite office at this time.

You can also go to the below site for assistance

[Help Illinois Families - Illinois.gov](https://www.illinois.gov)

We are present for and with our community while we take measures for the health and safety of our staff.

## **Support Groups**

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### **SMART Recovery**

**Wednesday at 7:30pm**

Meeting ID: 395 192 858

<https://zoom.us/j/395192858>

### **LGBTQ+ Support Group**

**Thursdays at 6pm**

Email Kellen: [kmcarter@chestnut.org](mailto:kmcarter@chestnut.org) or Len: [lenm@ppil.org](mailto:lenm@ppil.org)

### **BRIDGES All Recovery and Family Group:**

**Thursdays at 7pm**

Meeting ID: 182 684 538 code:2020

<https://zoom.us/j/182684538>

### **Winner's Circle – Peers Facing Life's Struggles**

**Saturdays 7p-8p**

Meeting ID: 4957121984 code:453262

**Celebrate Recovery:** <https://www.celebraterrecovery.com/>

### **Children's Home & Aid - Parents Care & Share**

**Support For parents**

HYPED-UP GROUP (Parenting & Stress)

For parents with children 0-5 years old.

Socialize with other parents.

Group discussions on current parenting issues.

Activities for the Children.

**Tuesdays 5:30 PM on Zoom.**

**Contact Aurbree Hart at**

[auhart@childrenshomeandaid.org](mailto:auhart@childrenshomeandaid.org)

**HEART – 2 – HEART (Domestic Violence)**

Learn how to protect yourself and your family from domestic violence.

Learn solutions for you and your children.

**Tuesdays at 11:30 am on Zoom**

**Contact Stephanie Neumann at**

[sneumann@childrenshomeandaid.org](mailto:sneumann@childrenshomeandaid.org)

**FROM GENERATION TO LEGACY GRANDPARENTS SUPPORT GROUP**

For grandparents raising their grandchildren.

The group focuses on financial, school, and parenting grandchildren. Run by the Bloomington Housing Authority.

**Every other Thursday at 11:30 on Zoom**

**Contact Lakeesha James at**

[lakeshaj@bloomingtonha.com](mailto:lakeshaj@bloomingtonha.com)

**PREGNANCY & BEYOND (ParentingNewborns)**

For all expectant Moms. (partners welcome)

Socialize with other Moms.

Learn to advocate for you and your baby.

**Begins again in May**

**Contact Stephanie Neumann at**

[sneumann@childrenshomeandaid.org](mailto:sneumann@childrenshomeandaid.org)

**ROCK (Raising Our Children's Kids)**

For grandparents or other relatives raising the children of relatives

**1st and 3rd Wednesdays 5:30 pm on Zoom**

**Contact Angie Raymer at**

[Angie.raymer@ccsicares.com](mailto:Angie.raymer@ccsicares.com)

**SOS (Strike out Stress)**

For parents to discuss parenting-related stress and learn how to manage the everyday pressures of parenthood.

Conducted in Spanish.

Activities for Children and Parents

**Thursdays 5:00 pm on Zoom**

**Contact Silvia Aguilar at**

[saguilar@childrenshomeandaid.org](mailto:saguilar@childrenshomeandaid.org)

**DADS UPLIFTING DADS (Fathers Only)**

For dads to meet with other dads and learn from each other. Special speakers for dad-specific topics.

**Tuesdays at 5:30 pm on Zoom**

**Contact Jay Skibbens at**

[jskibbens@childrenshomeandaid.org](mailto:jskibbens@childrenshomeandaid.org)

**P.A.L (Play and Learn)**

For families with children who have developmental needs. Children and Parent groups meet separately.

**1st & 3rd Mondays & 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 6:00 pm  
on Zoom**

**Contact Mary Lehman at**

[marylehman@marcfirst.org](mailto:marylehman@marcfirst.org)

Any questions please call Dorothy Davis at (309) 834-5240. [ddavis@childrenshomeandaid.org](mailto:ddavis@childrenshomeandaid.org)

## **Conferences & Workshops**

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### **The Immigration Project**

#### **The Welcoming Center: Health Benefits 65+/ Beneficios de salud 65+**

Date: Wednesday April 14th @ 1:00 PM

Everyone over 65, regardless of immigration status, can now get Healthcare! If you are low income and over 65 or you wish to help undocumented seniors sign up, join us for a presentation followed by individual help for clients.

English flyer. Volante en español.

For more information on Welcoming Center workshops visit [The Immigration Project's Facebook event page](#) or email us at [smellor@immigrationproject.org](mailto:smellor@immigrationproject.org).

#### **The Welcoming Center: ITIN Workshop / Taller de ITIN**

Dates: Tuesday, April 13 @ 6:00 PM, Tuesday, April 20 @ 6:00 PM

An ITIN number is an individual identification number that can offer many benefits to people who do not have social security numbers. If you want to get an ITIN number or would like to learn how to help others apply for ITIN, join us for a presentation followed by one-on-one help.

For more information on Welcoming Center workshops visit [The Immigration Project's Facebook event page](#) or email us at [smellor@immigrationproject.org](mailto:smellor@immigrationproject.org).

### **The Welcoming Center: Know Your Rights / Conozca sus derechos**

Wednesday, April 21 @ 1:00 PM (English), Miércoles 21 de abril @ 2:00 PM (Español)

Joe Biden was part of the (Obama) administration that deported the most immigrants in the history of the United States. Join our presentation to find out who is at risk for deportation, how to prevent it, and what are your rights if police approach you in public or come to your home. [English flyer](#). [Volante en español](#).

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### **Mid Central Community Action**

**Online Workshops** - Through our LISC Financial Opportunity Center®, we offer longer-term, bundled services for community members seeking to achieve their goals related to increasing savings, increasing credit score, increasing net worth, decreasing debt, gaining/enhancing/sustaining employment, advancing education, and obtaining homeownership. We offer individual employment coaching and career counseling sessions. We also offer a group series for employment readiness, self-awareness, and skill development.

All classes are held online and require the workshop intake form to be completed and emailed to [kathys@mccainc.org](mailto:kathys@mccainc.org) before entry (Attached is the link for the workshop intake form <https://files.constantcontact.com/02484551501/a607b9c1-f8d2-4b27-91a9-992cb8c017ed.pdf> )

### **April Workshops**

Career Exploration - Customers can expect to discover their professional interests and explore various career paths. They will complete an interest profiler, explore 2-3 career paths, and tap into personal and professional values through a values activity. DATE: April 12, 2021 & TIME: 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Financial Opportunity Center™ Orientation - Customers can expect to begin their Next Step journey with a group orientation facilitated by all Coaches (Employment, Financial, and Housing). An introduction to Bundled Services and long-term coaching are shared at the orientation, along with an interactive money management activity. DATE: April 13, 2021 & TIME: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Financial Opportunity Center™ Orientation - Customers can expect to begin their Next Step journey with a group orientation facilitated by all Coaches (Employment, Financial, and Housing). An introduction to Bundled Services and long-term coaching are shared at the orientation, along with an interactive money management activity. DATE: April 27, 2021 & TIME: 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

### **May Workshops**

Money Matters - Participants can expect to discuss the importance of a monthly budget, as well as, how to create a budget based on income, debt, and expenses. Participants will also learn what credit is, why credit is important, how credit is built and re-built, and what makes up a credit score. DATE: May 3, 2021 & TIME: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Career Exploration - Customers can expect to discover their professional interests and explore various career paths. They will complete an interest profiler, explore 2-3 career paths, and tap into personal and professional values

through a values activity. DATE: May 4, 2021 & TIME: 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Working With A Lender - Customers can expect to learn the mortgage loan application process, lender terminology, and what documents to submit to a loan officer. They will also gain an understanding of how income, credit, and ratios qualify a person for a mortgage loan. DATE: May 10, 2021 & TIME: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Financial Opportunity Center™ Orientation - Customers can expect to begin their Next Step journey with a group orientation facilitated by all Coaches (Employment, Financial, and Housing). An introduction to Bundled Services and long-term coaching are shared at the orientation, along with an interactive money management activity. DATE: May 11, 2021 & TIME: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Working With A Realtor - Customers can expect to learn what a realtor's responsibilities are when representing someone through the home buying process. They will also learn negotiation tools, the difference between a purchase agreement and a sales contract, as well as how to inform a realtor on what they are looking for in a property. DATE: May 17, 2021 & TIME: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Community Involvement - Customers can expect to learn about opportunities available in their communities for neighborhood involvement, as well as what to expect at a closing. DATE: May 24, 2021 & TIME: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Financial Opportunity Center™ Orientation - Customers can expect to begin their Next Step journey with a group orientation facilitated by all Coaches (Employment, Financial, and Housing). An introduction to Bundled Services and long-term coaching are shared at the orientation, along with an interactive money management activity. DATE: May 25, 2021 & TIME: 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

#### **Bloomington Public Library / Your IRA and You**

- Wednesday, April 28
- 6:30-8pm; Online via Zoom

What is the difference between an IRA, a 401K, a 403B, and a 457 plan? What about Traditional vs. Roth IRAs?

This program will help you learn about these various plans. If you have a retirement plan in place, this program will explain how to access money before age 59 1/2. It will also cover estate planning with IRAs.

Registration is required and can be completed online at [bit.ly/bplira042821](https://bit.ly/bplira042821), by calling 309.590-6168, or in person at the Adult Services Desk.

This program is offered in partnership with the Institute for Financial Education. This group consists of area financial planners who volunteer to provide free financial literacy programs to the community.

### **[Grant & Scholarship Opportunities](#)**

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#### **Career Link**

#### **Training Assistance**

Career Link provides training assistance to train eligible youth, low-income adults and dislocated workers for careers in high growth industries. You may be eligible if you:

- Have had a fairly low income over the past six months; or
- Have lost a job within the past four years due to business closure, lack of work, or honorable military discharge; or
- Have depended on the income of a spouse and lost access to the income in the past four years.

**No training assistance or other benefits can be paid without prior approval.**

**Apply at [www.careerlink16.com/apply](http://www.careerlink16.com/apply).**

Career Link's training assistance can pay for up to two years of training at a number of local community colleges, private schools and universities. Career Link cannot fund individual courses that do not lead to a credential. The training assistance provides:

- Funding for tuition, fees and books;
- Assistance with the cost of transportation during training;
- Assistance with the cost of child care during training;
- Reimbursement for supplies, uniforms and other requirements; and
- Payment of required licensing fees.

Those interested should call Career Link number listed below or go to website [www.careerlinkil.com](http://www.careerlinkil.com)

**Tazewell County** – 309/347-8492, ext.305 – **McLean County** – 309/807-1386 – **Mason County** – 309/543-1035

**Fulton County** – 309/647-2946 – **Marshall County** – 309/364-4120 – **Stark County** – 309/606-9060

**Woodford County** – 309/467-4445 – **Peoria County** – 309/321-0260

*Equal Opportunity Employer/Program / Auxiliary aids & services available upon request to Individuals with disabilities.*

**Pratt Music Foundation Scholarships:**

*Do you know a young person who could benefit from private music lessons but who is restricted by finances?*

The **Pratt Music Foundation's** mission is to provide talented youth an opportunity to enhance their musical ability through private lessons. Music lessons are expensive and simply not an option for some children and families: this is where the **Pratt Music Foundation** comes in. The Foundation grants [full music lesson scholarships](#) through the **Illinois Wesleyan University** Music Preparatory Program.

**Instruction is available in piano or strings (violin, viola, cello).**

Our scholarships are awarded to area children in grades 2 through 12, and are based on financial need, motivation, and talent.

**Applications are due by May 1.**

Each scholarship covers one school year of instruction, starting in the fall (2021-2022) and includes summer lessons (2022).

Free music books are supplied by the **Music Shoppe** in Normal.

Downloadable applications are available: Go to [www.PrattMusicFoundation.com](http://www.PrattMusicFoundation.com).

For questions or to request an application, call 309-827-5534, or email [prattmusicfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:prattmusicfoundation@gmail.com).

## [Fundraising Opportunities](#)

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### **Mid Central Community Action**

#### **Fundraising**

Seeds of Change (Virtual Event)

Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 7 P.M.

For more information, please visit [www.mccainc.org/seeds](http://www.mccainc.org/seeds)

Also attached is a sponsorship form.

Drive Out Domestic Violence Golf Outing

Monday, June 14, 2021 at Crestwicke Country Club

For more information, please visit [www.mccainc.org/golf](http://www.mccainc.org/golf)

Also attached is a registration and sponsorship form.

### **Child Protection Network and Boys and Girls Club**

Join us for Jazzercise on May 23rd at Destihl Brewery

CORE 3 employees Carrie and Jill are raising money for the Over the Edge event benefiting the Child Protection Network and Boys and Girls Club.

- Work out is from 9am-10am
- Arrive early to pay and sign in - \$10 per person
- Work out will be outdoors

Can't come but want to support the cause? Donate to Carrie and Jill here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/core3>

### **Over the Edge event benefiting the Boys and Girls Club.**

Join us for some Trivia on May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Station Saloon!



CORE 3 employees Carrie and Jill are raising money for the Over the Edge event benefiting the Boys and Girls Club.

- Doors open for trivia at 6pm.
- Trivia will start at 7pm
- Teams are 2-6 people
- Pre-registration is not required
- \$10 per person which includes a drink ticket (pay on the night of 5/7)
- Random Prizes will be given throughout the night
- Tables are spaced out so this venue is COVID friendly!

Can't come but want to support the cause? Donate to Carrie and Jill here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/core3>

### [Volunteer Opportunities](#)

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#### **McLean County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)**

YOU can help *change a child's story* by becoming a CASA volunteer!

McLean County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) trains and supports volunteers to advocate for the best interests of children residing in foster care. McLean County research indicates that children who have a CASA volunteer achieve a safe and permanent home sooner than those who do not.

Our next CASA training is scheduled to begin May 25<sup>th</sup> through June 15<sup>th</sup>. Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00-7:00 pm virtually via the Zoom platform. Please contact Eric Hansen at 309-888-5855 or [eric.hansen@mcleancountyil.gov](mailto:eric.hansen@mcleancountyil.gov) for an application or more information regarding the role and responsibilities of a CASA

#### **Red Cross Blood Driver**

Like to cruise around town? Save lives while doing so. Hit the road as a volunteer driver!!

The Red Cross of Central Illinois is looking for individuals interested in transporting blood and blood product throughout our region. You'll be able to make your own hours, have the use of a Red Cross vehicle and all training needed for this position is provided.

#### **Red Cross Blood Donor Ambassador**

Do you like to help people and save lives?

If so, the Donor Ambassador role is for you! As a Donor Ambassador, you help to provide excellent customer service at local blood drives to enhance the donor experience.

- Greet donors, explain the donation process as necessary and assist with initial intake and hand offs through the blood donation process.
- Manage donor flow at temp taking station to ensure only donors passing temp screen are permitted access.
- Explain purpose of temperature screen to donors and ensure they understand reason for deferral if applicable.
- Direct donor to next step of donation or options for future donations if deferred.
- Model excellent customer service behaviors.
- Ensure blood donors have relevant information and that questions are answered appropriately while creating a favorable impression of the blood donation process.
- Learn and share the Red Cross story, including the mission, vision, and values.
- Provide customer service to donors in the Hospitality Area by ensuring that each donor is recognized for his/her contribution. Report possible adverse post-donation physical reactions to the collections staff.
- Set up and maintain cleanliness in Reception and Hospitality Areas, and Donor Areas/Beds as requested
- Work with collections team supervisor or charge staff to match donor's blood type with the best product for maximum impact.
- Responsible to inform donors of current and upcoming donation promotions.
- May make reminder/cancellation calls, re-schedule donor appointments, and perform follow up activities as directed.

To sign up please visit [www.redcross.org/volunteer](http://www.redcross.org/volunteer) or contact  
Sasha Welch-Moore @ (309)322-0566 or [Sasha.Welch-Moore@redcross.org](mailto:Sasha.Welch-Moore@redcross.org).

### **Integrity Counseling**

Front Desk Volunteers Needed at INtegrity Counseling - Looking to become a volunteer? INtegrity Counseling is in need of Front Desk Volunteers, including Spanish speaking volunteers, to help coordinate scheduling and answering phones. If interested or would like more information, please email [info@integrityhelps.org](mailto:info@integrityhelps.org).

## **[Employment Opportunities](#)**

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### **Mid Central Community Action**

Mid Central Community Action is looking to fill the following positions:

- Part Time Residential Advocate for our Countering Domestic Violence program
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Full Time Residential Advocate for our Countering Domestic Violence program
- Part Time Livingston County Income Support Coach
- Full Time Therapist for CDV program

Visit our website to view the job descriptions and to apply at [www.mccainc.org](http://www.mccainc.org).

Mid Central Community Action is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer

**SYNERGY HomeCare of Central IL is HIRING!**

Are you an amazing caregiver looking for a workplace where you will be appreciated and rewarded for the demanding work you do? If so, SYNERGY HomeCare of Central IL is the place for you!

We believe in putting our caregivers **first**, and we do that by offering...

- Flexible schedules (you pick when you work & which clients you work with)
- Employee recognition programs
- Work/life balance
- Benefits for full-time employees
- Paid orientation and ongoing training
- Competitive pay
- Client Referral bonus
- Caregiver Referral bonus
- Travel reimbursement
- Priority vaccine access
- A chance to make a difference in your client's life

We assist our clients with...

- Companion care
- Housekeeping
- Meal prep
- Medication reminders
- Personal care
- Transportation

Caregiver Qualifications...

- Kind, compassionate, and positive personality
- Pass criminal background check
- Reliable, insured vehicle, and valid driver license

To apply, please contact us at 309-808-3047 or email Shelby at [shelbywebber@synergyhomecare.com](mailto:shelbywebber@synergyhomecare.com)

### **Bilingual Office Assistant Needed**

Position: Eviction Prevention Program Intake and Reception

Organization: The Immigration Project

Job Location: 211 Landmark Dr Suite B3A Normal, IL

Salary: \$15/hr, no benefits temporary, part-time

Hours: 20 hrs/wk 1st shift, specific times negotiable

Grant-funded temporary (40 week) position, April-Jan

#### *Position Requirements*

- Bilingual - Spanish/English
- Legal authorization to work in the US
- Computer-literate

#### *Position Description and Duties*

Greet and assist in-person clients

Respond to calls and emails on an Immigration Project account

Collect and scan documentation of program eligibility from applicants

Fill out and submit online applications for rental and utilities assistance

#### *How to Apply*

Questions or to submit a resume, please email Sarah Mellor at [smellor@immigrationproject.org](mailto:smellor@immigrationproject.org) Please put "Office Assistant Application" in the subject line.

### **The City of Bloomington is Hiring!**

Patron Services Manager - \$49,060.00 - \$61,320.00 annually

Deadline to apply: 04/29/2021

Applicants interested can click here to [APPLY NOW!](#)

### **Illinois Extension is currently seeking candidates for the following position:**

- **Extension Educator, Family and Consumer Science (SNAP-Ed)** - to provide educational leadership for program delivery in Livingston, McLean, and Woodford Counties. Master's degree in public health, community health, nutrition, dietetics or field related to subject matter emphasis is required. This position is

responsible for organizing and conducting programs using policy, system, and environmental changes targeted for limited resource families and communities with the goal of obesity prevention. Position requires developing partnerships with community organizations, providing technical assistance and working collaboratively with community partners, and providing professional development for organizations in communities within the target area. Knowledge of how to initiate community and systems changes using evidence based strategies for obesity prevention are essential for this position. View complete [job description](#) and apply, visit <https://go.illinois.edu/144084>. Closing date is April 27, 2021.

Contact Erin Estes with any questions at 309-663-8306 or by email at [edestes@illinois.edu](mailto:edestes@illinois.edu). University of Illinois is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

### **High Road School of Bloomington**

#### Overview

The paraprofessional works within the context of the classroom teacher's lesson plans and daily structure, guiding and supporting the student(s)' participation in classroom activities as needed.

#### Responsibilities

- Facilitates the implementation of academic instructional programs, class work and assessments for students.
- Interacts daily with students and staff to conduct attendance and program tracking and reports.
- Maintains positive classroom environment and monitors student behavior to keep them on task.
- Monitors students usage of the computer.
- Maintains program instructional materials and computer lab components for student usage.
- Maintains confidentiality of co-workers, children, and families.

#### Qualifications

#### **EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE:**

**High school diploma and knowledge of computer software required. Ability to effectively communicate and interact with individuals from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds. 2 years or 30 hrs of college experience preferred.**

Candidates can apply with resume to [Lindsey Singla](#) **Please use the following link to apply.**

<https://www.indeed.com/jobs?q=Catapult&l=Bloomington%2C%20IL&radius=50&from=sug&vjk=492e265892221561>

#### **EEO Statement**

*At Catapult Learning, we are committed to providing an environment of mutual respect where equal employment opportunities are available to all applicants and teammates without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, military and veteran status, and any other characteristic protected by applicable law. Catapult believes that diversity and inclusion among our teammates is critical to our success*

### **Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)**

The Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) assists people with disabilities in preparing for, finding, and maintaining quality employment that pays a living wage and offers opportunities for advancement. Many people with disabilities of working age (16-64) are eligible for VR services. To be eligible an individual must have a significant physical or mental impairment that makes it difficult to go to work. Our staff work closely with employers, community partners, educators and service providers offering individualized placement services that bring employers and qualified employees together. DRS vocational program provides individual assessment, evaluation, career guidance & counseling, financial support for training including certification programs & academic degree programs for all state supported colleges and universities. Assistive technology evaluations & equipment can also be provided to those individuals who require such supports for employment or training programs. In addition, DRS can provide FREE direct job placement and follow-up services, consultation with the DRS Work Incentive Planning and Assistance Program to help people who receive SSDI/SSI benefits understand how working will affect their benefits and Supported Employment Program (SEP) services for eligible people. Other specialized vocational rehabilitation services for people: Blind or visually impaired, Deaf or hard of hearing, Hispanic or Latino with disabilities. Please contact DRS at toll free- (800) 843-6154 to find a local office and see how DRS can help you today!

### **East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging (ECIAAA)**

East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging is a fast, multi-faceted work environment. We are seeking applicants to fill this important position.

Be a part of the Area Agency on Aging team and receive **competitive pay, excellent benefits, insurance, vacation, holidays, retirement, etc., and the satisfaction of helping older persons.**

#### **Service Compliance Coordinator**

As a key person in the management of grant funded services, accuracy, time management, efficient and effective reporting, and critical thinking are essential. The position is responsible for monitoring, compiling information, reporting, grant reviews, conducting administrative reviews, technical assistance and interpretation of policies relative to the rules and regulations governing federally funded programs.

**Competencies:** Experience in Microsoft Outlook. Excellent Problem Solving/Analysis, Critical Evaluation, Strategic Thinking, Ethical Conduct, Communication, Performance Management, Time Management, Organization Skills, Interpersonal Skills, and Team Player.

**Requirements:** 4 Year College/University Degree in a Human Services field, Valid Driver's License, Availability to Travel Days/Evenings, Passage of Background Check, 3 years' experience of grant writing or grants management and community-based program

Compensation commensurate with experience and qualifications.

ECIAAA is an Equal Opportunity Employers.

Job Type: Full-time

Salary: \$38,500.00 to \$45,000.00 /year

Send resume and cover letter to [humanresources@eciaaa.org](mailto:humanresources@eciaaa.org)

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**PATH-O-GRAM Submission Format:**

Please follow these guidelines when sending your submission:

Format of Submission:

- Arial Font, Size 12.
- Bolded and underlined title (typically agency name/event name).
- Short paragraph containing essential information such as description, dates, times, addresses, and who to contact for more information.

Other Information Needed:

- Which category you would like your listing to be under
  - Covid-19
  - Announcements
  - Support Groups
  - Conferences and Workshops
  - Grant & Scholarship Opportunities
  - Fundraising Opportunities
  - Volunteer Opportunities
  - Employment Opportunities
- How long you would like your listing in the PATH-O-GRAM. Submissions in the POG will only be posted once, unless otherwise stated or resubmitted.

*NOTE: Because submissions should be able to be copied and pasted in the above format, flyers will not be a sufficient POG submission.*

Please submit all POG listings the Wednesday before the upcoming POG broadcast date by 4:30 pm.

Send submission to [vpavlik@pathcrisis.org](mailto:vpavlik@pathcrisis.org)

*Example submission:*

**Path Crisis Center**

For information about health and human services in McLean County please call our 24/7 hotline by dialing 211, or

view our online database at [www.Findhelp211.org](http://www.Findhelp211.org)

- I would like this to be placed in the Announcements section.
- I would like it to remain in the PATH-O-GRAM until 6/1/2021