

ABOUT CAPNM

Community Action Partnership of Northwest Montana (CAPNM) has been helping people, improving lives and strengthening communities since 1976.

CAPNM provides social services and advocacy together with local partners to alleviate poverty, improve lives and strengthen communities in Flathead, Lake, Lincoln and Sanders counties.

CAPNM has grown to include programs in five main areas: housing, energy assistance, weatherization, education and training, and financial capability/asset development. These programs are bundled to produce maximum results in the lives of those served.

CAPNM serves Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, and Sanders Counties and covers a geographic area of 13,375 miles with total population of over 167,500.

While this brochure shares many of the programming options available, many more services are offered. For more information, please visit us online or contact us.



For more information about any of our services, please contact one of the following offices or visit our website at www.capnm.net.

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Housing Programs

EMERGENCY HOUSING*

Homeless Prevention

Provides assistance to eligible households that are at-risk of becoming unhoused with no other options in order for them to maintain current or obtain new housing. At times, assistance includes rental arrears, deposits and short-term rent.

Rapid Rehousing

Provides services to households that are fleeing domestic violence or unhoused to move as quickly as possible into permanent, stable housing.

Permanent Supportive

Provides ongoing, safe, appropriate and affordable housing through rental assistance and supportive services to individuals who have a disabling condition and have been unhoused for at least a year (chronically homeless).

**All programs follow Housing First standards.*

LOW INCOME HOUSING

Housing Choice Rental Voucher Program (Section 8)

Section 8 assists low-income households to afford safe and sanitary housing in the private market where participants are able to find their own housing.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Community Action strives to preserve existing affordable housing within our service area and to increase affordable inventory when able. CAPNM owns multiple apartment complexes that are primarily designated for seniors and those with disabling conditions, although the agency does assist with multi-family housing units as well. The rent limits are well regulated and maintainable for tenants. All complexes are managed by a third-party management firm who process all applications, lease-ups and maintenance of waiting lists.

Home Buyer Education Workshops

Links to online classes available at capnm.net/homebuyer-education

Asset Development

Renting Wise

Help renters get into and maintain decent and affordable housing; a great opportunity to become a more educated tenant.



Budget 101

Financial management education on topics including creating a spending plan, saving for future goals, using credit wisely, and avoiding pitfalls and consumer traps.

Community Services

Learning Tree Preschool

An affordable, year-round preschool with 7:30am – 5pm hours for children ages 2 ½ to 5 years old. Learning through play, curriculum centers, outdoor play area and garden.

Teen Solutions

A 6-week after school program to support 13-18 year old middle and high school age teens by providing direction and focus, as well as basic life and soft skills. No cost to participate.

Energy Programs

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Assists eligible low-income households by paying a portion of their winter heating costs. LIHEAP works with local utilities to provide additional discounts to their customers.

Weatherization

Helps LIHEAP-approved households improve the overall efficiency of their homes which reduces energy consumption. Households are prioritized by annual income and energy usage.

Energy Share of Montana

Assists households with emergency energy needs such as a past due/disconnect notice for electric or natural gas or almost out of wood, propane, or oil. Energy Share may also assist with a deposit to establish an electric or natural gas account.

Employment and Training

TANF Pathways Program

TANF Pathways is a referral program that provides intensive case management focused on financial freedom, informed choice and eventual independence from Public Assistance programs. Supportive service assistance may be available to aide in Pathways participation and employment related needs.

SNAP E&T Program

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment & Training is a referral program through the Office of Public Assistance that can help with the cost of short-term job training for those receiving SNAP benefits. Helping clients use their personal strengths to find a job.