

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 150,000.

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.



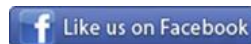
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We serve individuals and families by identifying and using available community resources and services to promote long-term self-sufficiency and independence.
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Housing Programs

- **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)**
-Assists eligible households that are homeless or at-risk of homelessness with stabilizing housing. At times, assistance includes deposits and short term rent.
- **Permanent Supportive**
-Provides ongoing rental assistance to safe, affordable units to individuals who are chronically homeless and have a disabling condition.
- **Youth Permanent Supportive**
-Assists youth 18- 24 years old who are homeless with a disabling condition in obtaining long-term housing and ongoing supports.
- **Rapid Rehousing**
-Provides assistance to help homeless households move as quickly as possible into permanent housing with long-term stability as the goal.
- **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.
- **Institutional Release Program**
-Assists individuals who are exiting an institutional setting into homelessness and who have a recent history of homelessness. Participants must meet regularly with Housing Navigators to help stabilize housing and work on income building activities.

Asset Development

- **Renting Wise**
-Help renters get into and maintain decent and affordable housing. This is a great program for renters who are struggling to find housing due to blemishes in their past rental history. It is a great opportunity to become a more educated tenant.
- **Homebuyer Education**
-Offered to give homebuyers the information they need to find, purchase and maintain a home.
- **Budget 101**
-Provide support to help strengthen financial knowledge and decision-making skills to achieve financial freedom. This is a great program for anyone looking to become more educated about personal financial management.
- **Housing Counseling**
-Assists individuals in determining whether or not homeownership is right for them. Each household's unique financial situation is examined to see if they are mortgage ready.

Energy Programs

- **Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)**
-Assists eligible low income individuals and families pay a portion of their home winter energy bills. LIEAP also works with local utility companies to provide additional discounts to their customers. LIEAP may also be able to assist with the repair or replacement of a home heating system that is unsafe or isn't working properly.

- **Weatherization**
-Helps LIEAP eligible participants to improve the overall efficiency of their homes and thus reduce household energy consumption. Homes are prioritized by annual income and energy usage. Special consideration is given to elderly, and disabled individuals.
- **Energy Share of Montana**
-Assists with emergency energy needs such as a household who has a disconnect notice for an electric or natural gas account or has little or no wood, propane, or oil. Energy Share may also assist with a deposit to establish an electric or natural gas account. It is not intended to provide ongoing assistance but simply to help the applicant alleviate a home energy emergency and move forward with self-reliance.

Employment and Training

- **TANF Pathways Program**
-TANF Pathways Program provides intensive case management focused on financial freedom, informed choice and eventual independence from Public Assistance programs. Clients may pursue educational trainings and trainings at a variety of host sites that prepares clients for employment. Supportive service assistance is available on an as needed basis for participation and employment related needs.