

# HENDRICKS COUNTY HELP NOW // February 2024

## 2024 TAX PREPARATION

★ **Tax Preparation services with AARP** – AARP will be holding tax preparation services, by appointment only, Thursdays, February 8<sup>th</sup> through April 11<sup>th</sup> 2024 from 9:00am – 3:00pm

Tax Prep will be held at Plainfield Public Library, 1120 Stafford Rd, Plainfield, IN 46168 and Washington Township Park, 115 South County Road 575 East, Avon, IN 46123

There is necessary paperwork to be filled out before scheduled appointment.

Call or go online to schedule an appointment.

(317)406-7129

[https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp\\_taxaide/locations/locator-detail.a1r3l00000bRQFzAAO.html](https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/locations/locator-detail.a1r3l00000bRQFzAAO.html)

★ **Tax Preparation services with Family Promise** – Family Promise will be holding tax preparation services, on Thursdays in Brownsburg and Fridays in Plainfield beginning in February. Please call the front desk for more information! 317-296-3742

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## HENDRICKS COUNTY UTILITY ASSISTANCE

### Energy Assistance Program

Provides a one-time annual benefit that can assist low-income Hoosiers with the high cost of home energy and can help those who are about to get disconnected.

Opportunity to apply for assistance will open 8am Eastern Time October 2, 2023, through May 20, 2024 at 5:00 PM Eastern Time.

★ **Apply for assistance online:** <https://ihcda.rhsconnect.com/portal/Account/Login>

★ **OR pick up application** at Family Promise Resource Center located at 238 N. Vine Street, Plainfield

### AREA IV AGENCY

730 Arbuckle Commons S-102

Brownsburg IN 46112

PH: 765-447-7683, 800-382-7556

FAX: 765-446-5505

EMAIL: [eap@areaivagency.org](mailto:eap@areaivagency.org)

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## INDIANA EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE (ERA)

### Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA)

Helps renter households with rent and utility assistance. This includes help with paying rent up to 18 months of current and past due rent. This assistance is through Community Action of Greater Indianapolis. **ERA is accepting applications until funds run out.**

★ **Call to Apply:** 317-396-1800

When you call, dial “1” for English and then “0” to speak with an operator. Once the operator answers you say, “Hendricks County” and then “trying to apply for ERA”.

**For more information:** [www.in.gov/ihcda/homeowners-and-renters/rental-assistance/](http://www.in.gov/ihcda/homeowners-and-renters/rental-assistance/)

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## HENDRICKS COUNTY SECTION 8

### Section 8

Section 8 is available to income-eligible individuals and families and exists to assist with rent payments to provide decent, affordable, sanitary, and safe housing for persons with low incomes.

The Section 8 program is not emergency housing assistance and your waiting time for assistance may exceed 24 months.

★ **Apply here:** <https://www.waitlistcheck.com/IN1806-2480>

*Please note that you will be required to create a Waitlist Check account and have a valid e-mail address to apply.*

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## Mental Health Services

**Damar Health Services** has providers for adults and children who have Medicaid or private insurance. They are available for walk-ins or scheduling an appointment for mental or physical health. Damar has no waiting for medications.

★ <https://www.damarhealth.org/>

5715 Decatur Blvd.  
Indy, 46241  
317-455-2366

If you're struggling, it's okay to share your feelings. Call 988, 24-hour hotline, for help and more information.

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## LEGAL SERVICES

Family Promise is partnering with Neighborhood Christian Legal Services to provide legal services to our clients and to the community. There are a variety of options available:

**Legal Assistance by Vee** via the legal kiosk at the Resource Center (238 N. Vine Street, Plainfield) every other Thursday. Vee cannot give advice, she can help complete and file paperwork. Call Vee at 463-226-3062 or email [vee@familypromisehendrickscounty.org](mailto:vee@familypromisehendrickscounty.org) to schedule an appointment (required).

**Legal Clinic with an Attorney from NCLS** at the Resource Center (238 N. Vine Street, Plainfield) on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Focus on eviction expungements, evictions, and other housing related legal matters. Call Vee at 463-226-3062 or email [vee@familypromisehendrickscounty.org](mailto:vee@familypromisehendrickscounty.org) to schedule an appointment (required).

**NCLS Expungement Help Desk:** Available for a limited number of new walk-in visitors (first-come, first-served) on Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 9:00am to 4:00pm. They are located at 3115 Southeastern Ave on the 3rd floor of the Aequitas office building on the Community Justice Campus (CJC) in Indianapolis.

**NCLS Consult with a Lawyer Program:** An attorney will provide counsel and advice only. Walk-ins are welcome, and it is first come first served. Available the first Wednesday of each month from 10:00am until 12:00pm at the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic.

★ Here is a link to the services provided by Neighborhood Christian Legal Services that will also advise on how they provide intakes: <https://www.nclegalclinic.org/services>

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## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Here at Family Promise of Hendricks County we are focused on helping people with domestic violence. There are many forms of domestic violence, not just physical but emotional, sexual and financial. It can happen to any of us and there is no age discrimination. If you are experiencing any type of domestic violence, please call or come into the center and we will be here to help you through it all. It is not easy to leave your home, but your safety is our main concern. One of our domestic Violence Advocates will help you figure out the steps to take to make sure you and your children are in a safe environment. No one deserves to be mistreated or abused.

★ **Please call for HELP:** (317) 296-3742 or email [info@familypromisehendrickscounty.org](mailto:info@familypromisehendrickscounty.org)

### Domestic Violence Lethality Assessment

1. Do you feel safe in your current environment?
2. Do you feel safe in your current relationship?
3. Do you feel safe regarding your previous relationship?
4. Is your current situation caused by someone hurting you physically or emotionally?

**If you do not feel safe, please take the quiz below to determine if you are in high danger.**

5. Has he/she ever used a weapon against you or threatened your with a weapon?
6. Has he/she threatened to kill you or your children?
7. Do you think he/she might try to kill you?
8. Does he/she have a gun or easy access to a gun?
9. Has he/she ever tried to choke you?
10. Is violently or constantly jealous or controls most your daily activities?

11. Have you left him/her or separated after living together or being married?
12. Is he/she unemployed?
13. Has he/she ever tried to kill himself/herself?
14. Do you have a child that he/she knows is not his/hers?
15. Does he/she follow or spy on you? Leave threatening messages?

★ If you answered “yes” to questions 1-3 or at least four “yes” responses to questions 4-11, **you are in high danger of assault.** People in similar situations have been killed. **Please reach out to us for help!**

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## FOOD ASSISTANCE

★ Download the app “community compass” to see all pantries days and times in your area!  
<https://www.communitycompass.app/>

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## ESPAÑOL

Si necesitan ayuda, ¡comuníquese con uno de nuestros defensores bilingües!

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## EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Temporary employment or on-demand employment:

- <https://www.peopleready.com/location/indianapolis-in-1655/>
  - <https://www.veryableops.com/>
  - <https://upshift.work/>
  - <https://www.instawork.com/>
  - <https://www.wonolo.com/>
  - <https://gigsmart.com/find-work/job-board/>
  - <https://www.jitjatjo.com/ondemand/staffing>
  - <https://labormaxstaffing.com/>
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