Information for Youth and Families—Amherst Community Connections, June 2015

EMERGENCY CASH PROGRAMS
- TAFDC: For families with children or pregnant women.
- EAEDC: < 65 yr. & disabled for 60 days or more.
- SSI: >= 65 yr. or anyone blind/disabled.
- SSDI: For disabled workers.
- VETERAN’S SERVICE: $50 emergency cash. Funds for food, back rent, move-in. App. at Amherst Bangs Center 259-3028.

CHILD CARE & PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS
- FREE/Low Cost Infant/Child Care: 61 Strong Street, Amherst. 413-387-1234
- Head Start: FREE preschool program at 1200 N Pleasant Street, Amherst, 413-387-1234.

JOB PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH
- Job Corps Program: For 16-24 youth. FREE housing, meals, health care, etc. Receive $50-$100 stipend. CALL: Westover Job Corps 413-593-4000.
- YouthWorks: Job program for at risk 14-21 yr. youth. CALL: 866-968-8461.

ENERGY & UTILITY PROGRAMS
- Fuel Assistance: Apply at Community Action: 56 Vernon St., Northampton, 413-582-4230.
- Citizens Energy Heat Assistance: 100 gallons of FREE oil or $150 credit for natural gas heat. Apply at 866-427-9918.

C. Good Neighbor Energy Fund: Apply Tuesdays, 1-2:30, at Amherst Survival Center, 138 Sunderland Rd. Amherst, 413-549-3968
D. Town of Amherst Emergency Assistance: Apply at Amherst Town Hall or Amherst Community Connections, 345-0737.
E. Utility Discount: For anyone participates in public benefit programs. Receive a 20% to 40% discount on gas and electric rates. App. at utility companies.
F. LifeLine Landline Discount: App. at your phone company. Save --$18/month.
G. LifeLine Cell Phone: FREE phone with 250 min/mon. App. at SafeLink (800-977-3768) or Assurance (888-848-4888).
H. Utility Shutoff Protection: App. at your utility company. Sr. citizens, families with infants, or seriously ill people are eligible.
I. Utility Arrearage Programs: Apply Sept.-May at Interfaith Help Fund (413-587-1228); RAFT program; HAP: 413-233-1601

FOOD PROGRAMS
- Food Stamps: App. online. Or at Amherst Survival Center 413-549-3968
- Meals on Wheels: >60 yr. Call: Amherst Senior Center 259-3213.
- WIC: 150 Fearing St., Amherst, 549-6864.

FUNDING FOR HOUSING
- Town of Amherst Emergency Funds: App. at by Amherst Town Hall or ACC, 413-345-0737.
- Interfaith Help Fund: App. Sept. May, Northampton Senior Center, 167 Conz Street, 587-1228
- HomeBASE: Up to $4000 to assist homeless families to pay rent, move-in costs, utility bills, etc. HAP 413-233-1601.
- RAFT: Residential Assistance for Families in Transition. Up to $4000 to assist families to pay back rent, move-in cost, and others to prevent homelessness. HAP 413-233-1601.

EMERGENCY SHELTER
- DHCD/DTA office: Go to 72-100 Front Street, Holyoke 413-552-5400

EX-OFFENDER RESOURCES
- Regional Reentry Center: 436 Dwight Street, Springfield, 413-784-1210.

FIND LEGAL SERVICE
- Community Legal Aid: 20 Hampton Ave Ste #100, Northampton 413-584 4034
- Mass Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy: 617-350-5480
- Disability Law Ctr.: 617-723-8455

* DTA— 72-100 Front Street, Holyoke (413-552-5400)
** Social Security—200 High Street, Holyoke (877-480-4989)