

Community Resources: Financial Assistance

FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AND/OR MEDICAL NEEDS

AVERY-FULLER-WELCH CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

Grants to low-income families with children 18 years or younger in need of educational, psychological, and/or physical therapy. Application must be made by professional who works with child (social worker, therapist, teacher, physician).

Address: 1660 Bush St, Suite 300, San Francisco, CA 94109

Phone: (415) 561-6540 Web site: www.pfs-llc.net/afw/index.html

DISABLED CHILDREN'S RELIEF FUND

Grants for medical equipment, hearing aids, eyeglasses, surgery, physical therapy for children with disabilities, especially those with physical disabilities and those who do not have adequate health insurance.

Address: P.O. Box 89, Freeport, NY 11520

Phone: (516) 377-1605 Web site: <http://www.dcrf.com/ordereze/default.aspx>

Download application (available from April through September)

NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST

Serves children (birth to 18 years old) who are not eligible for any other aid. Funding for medical equipment, surgery, hearing aids, camps. Application can be downloaded from their website or by writing to them.

Address: 543 Baker Street, San Francisco, CA 94117-1405

Phone: (800) 994-6349 Web site: www.ndgw.org/child_found.htm

NORD'S PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Assistance with life-saving or life-sustaining medications, insurance premiums, co-payments, diagnostic testing.

Phone: (800) 999-6673 or (203) 744-0100

Web site: <http://www.rarediseases.org/patients-and-families/patient-assistance>

PARTNERSHIP FOR PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE

One-stop link to medications through patient assistance programs. Medications free to those with limited incomes.

Phone: (888) 477-2669 Web site: www.pparx.org

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (SSA)

Cash stipends & access to Medi-Cal for children with specific disabilities or illnesses. Parents must meet income criteria.

Phone: (800) 772-1213 Web site: <http://www.ssa.gov/applyfordisability/child.htm>

FOR ASSISTANCE WITH FOOD

FOOD BANK OF CONTRA COSTA & SOLANO

Programs include Food Assistance Program, Food for Children, Senior Food Program, Extra Helpings, Farm 2 Kids, Summer Food for Kids, and Food Stamps.

Phone: (800) 870-FOOD

Email: info@foodbankccs.org

Web site: www.foodbankccs.org

WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC)

Free, supplemental nutrition program for pregnant women, new mothers, and young children (under five years) with limited income. Fathers may apply for benefits for eligible children.

Phone for WIC information: (800) 414-4942

Web site: www.cchealth.org/services/wic

Concord WIC: (925) 646-5370

Richmond WIC: (510) 231-8600

Pittsburg WIC: (925) 431-2460

Brentwood WIC: (925) 513-6880

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FOR ASSISTANCE WITH UTILITY COSTS AND OTHER NEEDS

CONTRA COSTA COMMUNITY SERVICE DEPARTMENT, LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

Helps households pay their energy bill once a year. For low-income households with high-energy costs.

West County: 510-374-7111 or 510 374-3732

Central County: 925-252-2313

East County: 877-427-8631 (toll-free) or 925-427-8627

Web site: <http://contra.napanet.net/depart/service/energyassistance.html>

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

Assistance programs for households with limited incomes and individuals who have special medical needs. Applications can be downloaded from their website or by calling the numbers below.

Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA): 800-743-5000; Web site: www.pge.com/fera/

California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE): 800-743-5000; Web site: www.pge.com/care/

Medical Baseline Allowance: 800-734-5000;

Web site: www.pge.com/myhome/customerservice/financialassistance/medicalbaseline/

SALVATION ARMY

Referral for assistance in obtaining basic needs. Emergency food pantry. Help with PG&E bill (REACH Program).

Phone: 925-778-0303 (East County); 925-676-6180 (Central County); 510-262-0500 (West County)

FOR ASSISTANCE WITH HOUSING

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Housing and rental assistance to low-income individuals and families. Web site: www.contracostahousing.org

Housing Choice Voucher Program: 888-746-8731

Public Housing Contact the nearest housing office to complete an application. To find the nearest housing office: Call 925-957-8000, or go to their web site at www.contracostahousing.org/contactus.htm

SHELTER INC. OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY -- Homeless services, homelessness prevention, affordable housing.

Phone: 925-957-7568 Web site: www.shelterincofccc.org

FOR ASSISTANCE WITH LANDLORD/TENANT ISSUES

HOUSING COUNSELING (CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE EAST BAY)

Information and education regarding tenant responsibilities and rights, and information on how to maintain housing or prevent homelessness.

Concord Family Service Center: 925-825-3099 x306; Main office: 510-768-3100; Website: www.cceb.org

PACIFIC COMMUNITY SERVICES

Housing counselors are available for private consultation on a variety of topics at no charge to residents of Contra Costa County.

Phone: 925-439-1056 Web site: www.pcsi.org/aboutpcsi.html

HOUSING RIGHTS

Housing rights counseling, mediation (mutually agreeable resolution); advocacy (referrals to private attorneys when applicable); information regarding small claims court and other self-advocacy options.

Phone: (800)-261-2298 Web site: www.housingrights.com