

What's Up?

Down South

Information on Health and Human Services in the 5 County Area

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What is "What's Up?"

What's Up? Down South is a quarterly electronic newsletter provided by 2-1-1 Information and Referral. Its purpose is to provide Five County health and human service agencies information on new services, programs, events, and volunteer opportunities in their community.

2-1-1 depends on fellow agencies to provide accurate and up-to-date information, and appreciates input from community organizations. If you have any questions, or would like your information included in an upcoming edition, please contact annaf@utahfoodbank.org. Please send information for the spring edition by April 9, 2010.

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Program

2-1-1 Information and Referral is a key partner in the VITA program. VITA assists low-income families and individuals by providing FREE tax preparation. Families or individuals who made \$49,000.00 or less in the 2009 tax year are eligible.

VITA volunteers are trained and certified to assist with basic returns. Assistance with itemized returns, small business (less than \$5000.00 income), and past returns (2006 or later) is also available.

If you or someone you know would like help with tax preparation, please call 2-1-1 after January 21st to schedule an appointment. If you would like to volunteer, please call 2-1-1 or visit www.211ut.org. Opportunities are also listed at www.utahtaxvolunteer.org.



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Becoming an Effective Social Security Representative Payee Training

Being an Effective Representative Payee and Utilizing Work Incentives is training for those who are a Representative Payee for someone aged 16-64 on Social Security Disability or SSI.

Attendees will learn more about responsibilities, resources, Social Security, and work incentives.

When: March 18th, 2010, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (lunch will be served).
For more information or to RSVP: 1-887-246-9675

Space is limited, register today.

United Way Dixie Funding Applications Available Now

Applications for local non-profit agencies to request funding from United Way Dixie for the 2010-2012 funding cycle are available now on www.dixieunitedway.org. Applications will be accepted until February 16, 2010 at 3:00 pm. Please see the website for eligibility requirements and other important information regarding United Way Dixie's allocation process.

Any questions may be directed to 435-674-5939 or info@dixieunitedway.org.

Color Country Community Housing Home Tour Event

Color Country Community Housing (CCCH) is dedicated to elevating the quality of life for individuals and families within the Tri-State area of Utah, Nevada, and Arizona, by developing rural affordable housing opportunities; fostering community partnerships, cooperation and education; and assessing and improving the affordable housing needs of each individual community.

An upcoming home tour will feature homes available through the program, and give interested families the opportunity to meet with a home counselor for qualification information. CCCH will also be collecting gently used sports equipment or baby furniture to benefit the Erin Kimball Foundation, which assists women and children leaving domestic violence situations.

Home Tour: January 22nd, 12 – 6 pm, January 23rd, 10 am – 6 pm; 900 North State Street, LaVerkin.

For more information regarding Color Country Community Housing programs, visit www.ccchi.net or call 435-673-3131.

TURNING Dreams Into Reality Fundraiser at Chili's

In partnership with Planet 94.1 radio station, Chili's restaurants in St. George and Cedar City are sponsoring a "Give Back Night" to raise funds for TURN's Southern Utah programs.

With each flyer presented for lunch or dinner (11 am – 11 pm) on January 26th, Chili's will donate 10% of the total purchase to TURN.

To print the voucher, or find participating locations, click on the Chili's link from the TURN website, <http://turncommunityservices.org/>



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Democracy Day 2010

Democracy Day provides constituents the opportunity to meet state legislators (free breakfast will be served), learn more about the political process, and tour the state capitol building. Space is limited, so sign up soon.

When: February 1st, 7:45 am – 12:30 pm

Where: State Capitol Building, Salt Lake City

Registration: <http://democracyday2010.eventbrite.com/>

Domestic Violence Support Groups

The Domestic Violence division through the Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) and the DOVE Center offer a support group for women and also the Kid's Club for children ages 8-10, who have been exposed to domestic violence.

When: Wednesdays, 5 – 6:30 pm

Where: Washington County Library, 88 West 100 South, St. George

More Information: DCFS 435-652-2960, or the DOVE Center 435-628-1204

Job Corps Information

Those interested in learning more about the Job Corps program through the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) may contact Colleen Tucker, 801-898-7294 to schedule an appointment in either the St. George or Cedar City DWS offices.

Volunteer Opportunities and Information

Individuals interested in volunteering or agencies wanting to recruit volunteers should contact their local volunteer coordinator. Contact information for each county is listed below.

Iron, Beaver, or Garfield County: Tracy, 435-867-8384 or tgarrett@fivecounty.utah.gov

Kane County: Terra Sue, 435-644-3696 or volunteercenter@kanab.net

Washington County: Linda, 435-674-5757 x 101 or volcenter@fivecounty.utah.gov

Upcoming Community Events

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3 [National Association of Social Workers](#) Southern Utah/St. George meeting, call 435-251-2367 for more information

* For information on the Southern Utah/Cedar City branch, please call 435-590-6758



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