

Gallatin Valley Community Resources

In challenging times, it is hard to know where to turn. Below are a variety of resources to utilize in your time of need. Assistance with childcare, housing, clothing, and food can all be found here.

1. If you have children under 5 years of age, you can apply to **Rising Stars Early Learning Center** through Family Promise of Gallatin Valley. Go to <https://www.familypromisegv.org/apply> for information on how to apply.
 - A. For more information about Rising Stars ELC, go to <https://www.familypromisegv.org/apply>.
2. The **Best Beginnings Scholarship** can help cover the costs of the Rising Stars Early Learning Center or other early learning services. Follow the steps for applying at <https://www.familypromisegv.org/apply>.
3. Apply online for the **Housing Choice Voucher** (formerly known as Section 8). The Housing Choice Voucher can assist with rental costs for low-income families, elderly persons, and persons with disabilities. For more information and to apply, go to <https://housing.mt.gov/Rental-Housing/Housing-Choice-Voucher-Program>.
 - A. Be sure to select the application relevant to your region/county.
 - B. For questions and assistance with this, contact HRDC's Seeking Housing Services at (406)585-4855 or email section8@thehrdc.org.
4. For guidance in navigating your housing search, contact **HRDCs Housing Navigation Services** at (406)585-4863.
 - A. For assistance in Spanish, you can text this number.
 - B. Be aware that due to high need in the Gallatin area right now, there may be some delay in response – be sure to leave you name, contact information, and a detailed message, and they will return your call as soon as possible.
 - C. For in-person assistance, the HRDC offices are open from 9am to 4pm Monday through Friday and are located at **32 S. Tracy Avenue**.
5. If you have children under the age of 5, go to <https://www.healthygallatin.org/family-health/wic/> to determine your eligibility for the **WIC (Women, Infants and Children) supplemental nutrition program**. WIC can provide your family with free, healthy food, nutrition and breastfeeding support and classes, and Farmer's Market vouchers.
 - A. If you are eligible for WIC, review the documents needed for your first appointment, then call (406)582-3115 or email WIC@gallatin.mt.gov to schedule.
6. All families are strongly encouraged to apply for **Medicaid** and **SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)**, which can be done at <https://apply.mt.gov/>. Medical care and food on the table for you and your family are essential to providing some comfort and security during these difficult times.

7. Please visit the **Gallatin Valley Food Bank**. Their drive thru is open Mon-Fri 1PM to 4PM and Tuesdays from 5PM to 7PM. More info can be found at <https://gallatinvalleyfoodbank.org/get-help/how-to-use-our-food-bank/>.
8. **The Fork and Spoon** is open again Sun-Thurs 5PM to 7PM for dine-in, pay-what-you-can meals, and Fridays for Sack Lunch pickup from 12PM to 6PM. The restaurant is located at 302 N 7th Ave #3308.
 - A. You can view their menu and other services at <https://www.forkandspoonbozeman.org/>
9. Contact **Gallatin County Love INC** at 406-587-3008. This local church-based organization helps supply boxes of food, clothing, and hygiene products at no cost to you.

If not having access to a computer or laptop is a barrier to you utilizing these resources, please consider the **Bozeman Library**, located at 626 E Main St, Bozeman, MT 59715, the **Belgrade Library** located at 106 N Broadway, Belgrade, MT 59714, or the **HRDC Day Center**, located at 2015 Wheat Dr. Bozeman, MT 59715.

The **HRDC Day Center** also has various resources that are available to anyone in need including computer access, day storage, housing case management, housing search Workshops, job search assistance, mental health services, personal laundry, shower service, sack lunches and sock exchange. The Day Center hours of operation are Sunday, 9 am to 12 pm and Monday thru Thursday, 9 am to 4 pm. The day center is closed Friday and Saturday.

We wish you the very best!

