

# Community Resources

City of Bloomington, Minnesota  
Human Services Division

## Housing Information

### Human Services

952-563-8733, 952-563-8740 TTY  
1800 W Old Shakopee Rd,  
Bloomington  
[www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us)

- Apartment vacancies (interpreters available).
- Procedures to apply for subsidized apartments or market rate rentals.

### Bloomington Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA)

952-563-8937, 952-563-8740 TTY  
1800 W Old Shakopee Rd.,  
Bloomington  
[www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us)

- Section 8 tenant based voucher subsidy program.
- Rental homes program.
- Public housing program.
- Home Improvement Loans.

### Bridging

Bloomington  
[www.bridging.org](http://www.bridging.org)

- Low-income families may be eligible to receive free furniture.
- For a referral for free furniture from Bridging, contact: City of Bloomington Human Services at 952-563-8733, 952-563-8740 TTY.

### Home Line

612-728-5767  
[www.homelinemn.org](http://www.homelinemn.org)

- Tenants rights and advocacy.

Community Resources:  
Chinese Translation



## Food Resources

### Loaves and Fishes, Too

952-948-0746 (Bloomington office)  
[www.loavesandfishesmn.org](http://www.loavesandfishesmn.org)

- Free hot meals served every weekday, 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Ave. S., Bloomington.

### Bloomington Public Health WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Office Supplemental Food Program

952-563-8993, 952-563-8900 TTY  
1900 W Old Shakopee Rd.,  
Bloomington  
[www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us)

- Vouchers for specific foods available to pregnant, breastfeeding, or postpartum women as well as infants and children under age 5.
- Eligibility is based on income level and health risks.

### Bloomington School Breakfast and Lunch Program

952-806-8770  
[www.bloomington.k12.mn.us](http://www.bloomington.k12.mn.us)

- Nutritious meals for school children on school days.
- Families may be eligible for free or reduced price school meals.

### VEAP Food Shelf

952-888-9616  
9728 Irving Ave. S., Bloomington  
[www.veapvolunteers.org](http://www.veapvolunteers.org)

- Provides a five-day grocery supply for emergencies.
- Also provides holiday meals or groceries for seniors, people with disabilities or low income.

### Hennepin County Economic Assistance - Food Stamps

612-596-1300  
[www.co.hennepin.mn.us](http://www.co.hennepin.mn.us)

- You may qualify for food stamps, used to buy food.
- Apply for benefit at Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Ave. So. in Bloomington (by appointment only).

### Fare for All

952-563-4944 V/TTY  
Bloomington location:  
Creekside Community Center  
9801 Penn Ave. S  
[www.emergencyfoodshelf.org](http://www.emergencyfoodshelf.org)

- Monthly food program with no income guidelines.
- Fees apply.

## Employment Assistance

### MN Department of Employment and Economic Development

[www.uimn.org](http://www.uimn.org)

- Unemployment.

### MN Workforce Center

952-346-4000, 952-346-4043 TTY  
[www.mnwf.org](http://www.mnwf.org)

- Job vacancy listings and employment resources.

### TTY USERS

For programs with no TTY number listed, contact the

**Minnesota Relay Service**  
at 1-800-627-3529 or 711.

## Resource Centers and Information

### Human Services

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1800 W Old Shakopee Rd,  
Bloomington  
[www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us)

- Connects individuals to human service programs and information.
- Chinese interpreter phone service available.

### CAPI (Center for Asian and Pacific Islanders)

612-721-0122  
310 E. 38th St., Ste 109,  
Minneapolis  
[www.capiusa.org](http://www.capiusa.org)

- Employment and training, youth development, food shelf programs and family strengthening programs.

### Family & Children's Service

612-728-2061 or 952-967-9060  
Loffler Building, Ste 318  
1101 E 78th St, Bloomington  
[www.everyfamilymatters.org](http://www.everyfamilymatters.org)

- Resources for the needs of immigrant students and their families.
- Helps to identify culturally appropriate resources.
- South East Asian Cultural Liaison on staff.

### Hennepin County Office of Multi-Cultural Services

612-348-2193  
330 S. 12th St., Ste 450,  
Minneapolis  
[www.co.hennepin.mn.us](http://www.co.hennepin.mn.us)

- Vietnamese liaisons are available to help individuals apply for County services.

### SEARCH ( South East Asian Refugee Community Home)

612-673-9388  
1113 E Franklin Ave., Ste 212,  
Minneapolis  
[www.asian-search.org](http://www.asian-search.org)

- ESL (English as a Second Language), childcare training, computer training, youth services and employment services.

### World Relief

612-798-4332  
1515 E. 66th St., Richfield  
[www.wr.org](http://www.wr.org)

- Employment, counseling and citizenship information.

## Support/Counseling for Teens and Families

### Bloomington Public Health

952-952-563-8900 V/TTY  
1900 W Old Shakopee Rd.,  
Bloomington  
[www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us)

- Child and youth clinics, family planning and services for adolescents, pregnant teens and teen parents.

### The Bridge for Runaway Youth

612-377-8800  
1111 W 22nd St., Minneapolis  
[www.bridgeforyouth.org](http://www.bridgeforyouth.org)

- Individual, family and teen counseling.

### Cornerstone

952-884-0330  
[www.cornerstonemn.org](http://www.cornerstonemn.org)

- Serving individuals facing domestic violence.

### Crisis Connection

612-379-6363  
[www.crisis.org](http://www.crisis.org)

- 24 hour a day crisis and general counseling help line for suicide prevention, domestic violence, rape, child abuse, depression and other life issues.

### Family & Children's Service

952-884-7353  
Loffler Building, Ste 318  
1101 E 78th St, Bloomington  
[www.everyfamilymatters.org](http://www.everyfamilymatters.org)

- Counseling service.

### Storefront/Youth Action

612-861-1675  
6425 Nicollet Ave. S., Richfield  
[www.storefront.org](http://www.storefront.org)

- Promotes positive youth development for school-aged children through education, treatment programs and intervention.

### Bloomington United for Youth (BUY)

952681-5903

- Promotes the development of a supportive environment and personal strengths which children need to succeed.

### Tree House

952-253-0812  
9030 W Bloomington Freeway,  
Bloomington  
[www.treehouseyouth.org](http://www.treehouseyouth.org)

- Support groups, counseling and recreational opportunities for troubled youth in Bloomington and Richfield.

## Economic/Medical Assistance (Insurance)

### Emergency Financial Services Program

**(VEAP) Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People**  
952-888-9616 for an appointment  
9728 Irving Ave. S., Bloomington  
[www.veapvolunteers.org](http://www.veapvolunteers.org)

### Hennepin County Economic Assistance

612-596-1300  
[www.co.hennepin.mn.us](http://www.co.hennepin.mn.us)

### Hennepin County Medical Assistance

612-596-1300  
[www.co.hennepin.mn.us](http://www.co.hennepin.mn.us)

### Minnesota Care

651-297-3862 or 1-800-657-3672

### General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC)

651-431-2670 or 1-800-657-3739

## Volunteering/Mentoring

### Human Services

952-563-8733, 952-563-8740 TTY  
1800 W Old Shakopee Rd,  
Bloomington  
[www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us)

- Volunteer opportunities.

### The Mentoring Partnership

612-370-9180  
81 S. 9th St., Ste 200, Minneapolis  
[www.mentoringworks.org](http://www.mentoringworks.org)

- Mentoring opportunities.

## Legal Resources

### **Bloomington Human Rights Commission**

952-563-8733, 952-563-8740 TTY  
www.ci.bloomington.mn.us

- Mediates complaints of discrimination in Bloomington.
- Educates and advocates on human rights issues.

### **U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services**

1-800-375-5283  
2901 Metro Dr., Ste 100,  
Bloomington

- Immigration services.

### **Immigration Clinic**

612-825-6863  
3400 Park Ave. S, Minneapolis

- Free legal advice in regards to immigration issues.
- Every Thursday, 3-5 p.m.; first come, first serve basis.

## Medical Care

### **Bloomington Public Health**

952-563-8900 V/TTY  
1900 W Old Shakopee Rd.,  
Bloomington  
www.ci.bloomington.mn.us

- WIC (Women, Infants, Children), immunizations, flu-shots, health risk assessments, women's health screening, senior clinics.

## Child Care

### **Hennepin County Child Care Assistance Unit**

612-348-5937  
www.co.hennepin.mn.us

- Financial assistance for childcare.

### **Resources for Child Caring**

651-641-0305  
www.resourcesforchildcare.org

- Referrals to childcare providers.

## Recreation

### **City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation**

952-563-8877, 952-563-8740 TTY  
1800 W Old Shakopee Rd.,  
Bloomington  
www.ci.bloomington.mn.us

- Year-round recreation programs for people of all abilities.

### **Bloomington Art Center**

952-563-8587  
1800 W Old Shakopee Rd.,  
Bloomington  
www.bloomingtonartcenter.com

- Art and theatre classes, performing opportunities.

### **Bloomington Athletic Association (BAA)**

www.baaonline.org

- Organized youth sports programs.

### **Boy Scouts**

763-545-4550  
www.northernstarbsa.org

- Youth development program.

### **Galaxy Youth Center**

952-681-6124  
www.bloomington.k12.mn.us

- Recreation, leadership, socialization, learning and service for youth in grades 6-8.

### **Girl Scouts**

763-535-4602 or  
www.girlscoutsmpls.org

- Youth development program.

### **Southdale YMCA**

952-835-2567  
www.ymcatwincities.org

- Social, recreation and camp programs.

### **What's Up**

www.uwmsp.org

- Free youth information line.

## Transportation Resources

### **BE Line**

612-373-3333, 612-341-0140 TTY

- Bus transportation in Bloomington and Edina every day of the week.

### **City of Bloomington Transportation Service**

952-563-4948, 952-563-4944 TTY  
www.ci.bloomington.mn.us

- Transportation within the City of Bloomington only.
- Trips are available Monday - Friday, call for times and rates.

### **Metro Transit**

612-373-3333, 612-341-0140 TTY  
www.metrotransit.org

- Transportation throughout the Metro area.

### **Metro Transit Hiawatha Line**

612-373-3333, 612-341-0140 TTY  
www.metrotransit.org

### **Eligible Riders**

- Everyone

### **Hours and Fees**

- 7 days a week 4 a.m.-1 a.m. Trains run approximately every 10 minutes from 17 stations.
- Rush and non-rush fees apply.

### **Scheduling**

- Transitline: 612-341-4287; 24 hour automated departure times for any Metro Transit Route.

### **Other**

- Fully accessible station platforms; step free boarding.

### **VEAP (Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People)**

952-888-9616  
9728 Irving Ave. S., Bloomington  
www.veapvolunteers.org

- Call 9 am - 4 pm and leave a voice message.
- Reservations required seven days in advance.
- Fees may apply.

## Bloomington School District

952-681-6400

[www.bloomington.k12.mn.us](http://www.bloomington.k12.mn.us)

- SHAPE (Adult education programs, including ESL and GED courses) 952-681-6170.
- Volunteer Connection (Help for English language learners and adults seeking employment) 952-681-6109.
- Kid's Safari (before and after school child care) 952-681-6108.

## Important Phone Numbers

- Bloomington Civic Plaza (City Hall) 952-563-8700  
[www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us)
- Bloomington Human Services 952-563-8733, 952-563-8740 TTY  
[www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us)
- Creekside Community Center 952-563-4944 V/TTY  
[www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us)
- Bloomington Police Department (Non-Emergency) 952-563-4900  
**For emergency, call 911**  
[www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us)
- PACER Center, Inc. (For children with disabilities and their families) 952-838-9000  
Dao Xiong, Multi-Cultural Parent Advisor. [www.pacer.org](http://www.pacer.org)
- Department of Motor Vehicles (Driver's Licenses) 952-563-8719  
9930 Logan Ave. S, Bloomington  
[www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us)

## Bloomington Human Services at Creekside Community Center

**The following Senior Programs are located at Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Ave. S. For more information on any program listed, please call 952-563-4944 V/TTY.**

- Arts and Crafts
- Card Groups
- Health, Wellness and Fitness Programs
- Information and Outreach
- Leadership Opportunities
- Music Groups
- Nutrition Programs
- Senior Outreach, Deb Hoyer, 952-888-7121
- Sports and Leisure
- Support Groups
- Volunteer Opportunities



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