

## More Information on Poverty

### The Montana Carbon County Resource Directory

Website: [//bit.ly/CCDirectory](http://bit.ly/CCDirectory)

The Montana Carbon County Resource Directory is a free, easy to access online listing of programs and organizations that provide services to Carbon County Residents. The purpose of the directory is to connect people, especially people with low to moderate income, to service providers for the Carbon County area. The Directory includes over 300 listings in 15 different topics with over 40 subtopics.

### Carbon County Office of Public Assistance

Phone Number: (406)446-1302

The Office of Public Assistance provides information on applying for Supplementary Nutrition Assistance Program “SNAP”, Medicaid and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families “TANF”. Also provides referrals for assistance with: child care, child support, housing, heating and utility assistance, telephone assistance, Medicaid travel costs, voter registration, supplemental security income, vocational rehabilitation, employment services, head start, Montana legal services, social services, Women Infants and Children, family violence services and community health care clinics.

### HRDC Human Resource Development Council District 7

Website: <http://hrdc7.org/>

HRDC delivers programs and supportive services which encourage self-sufficiency and community collaboration for the betterment of Montana's most disadvantaged. They provide services to those in need and a range of information on poverty in their area of service including information on barriers faced by those in the area and stories from the working low-income in the Carbon County area. They also operate the Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarship.

### Baretooth Cupboards

Website: <http://www.baretoothcupboards.org/>

The food bank has no income minimums, nor are questions asked. It is a supplemental resource for people having temporary financial problems or the burden of sudden unexpected expenses and can't make ends meet. Anyone residing in Carbon County, and in need, is eligible for and, has access to, the food bank twice each month. The food bank produces records of families and number of people served which can provide a snapshot of need in Carbon County year by year and month by month.

### No Kid Hungry: Montana

Website: <http://mt.nokidhungry.org/>

This campaign helps families find state food assistance program and community resources by working alongside food assistance programs to increase participation, outreach, benefits, and education. Their website provides information on hunger in Montana, focusing on the impact on children with information about healthy food programs throughout Montana. Also includes their ten step plan to address child hunger in Montana that can be downloaded at [mt.nokidhungry.org/sites/all/themes/states/img/library/files/10\\_Steps\\_Plan\\_August\\_2013.pdf](http://mt.nokidhungry.org/sites/all/themes/states/img/library/files/10_Steps_Plan_August_2013.pdf)

### Montana Food Bank Network

Website: <http://mfbn.org/>

As a statewide food bank, MFBN solicits, sorts, repackages, warehouses, and distributes donated and purchased food to charitable programs that directly serve hungry Montanans. They can provide information on hunger in Montana and programs in different regions of the state that address hunger.

### The Working Poor Families Project

Website: <http://www.workingpoorfamilies.org/>

The Working Poor Families Project is a national initiative focused on state workforce development policies involving: 1) education and skills training for adults; 2) economic development; and 3) income and work supports. Website includes a breakdown of low-income working statistics in each of the states and creates reports on national trends that affect the working poor in the United States.

### Spotlight on Poverty and Opportunity: The Source for News, Ideas and Action

Website: <http://www.spotlightonpoverty.org/>

Spotlight on Poverty and Opportunity was launched in October 2007 by major U.S. foundations to foster non-partisan debate during the 2008 campaign season about policy approaches for addressing poverty and opportunity. Today, Spotlight provides a platform for ongoing discussion about how best to address the needs of those who have fallen into poverty during the Great Recession and those who have struggled for generations to move up the economic ladder. Through the ongoing exchange of ideas, research and data, Spotlight seeks to inform the policy debate about reducing poverty and increasing opportunity in the United States.

### American Fact Finder

Website: <http://factfinder2.census.gov/>

American FactFinder provides access to data about the United States, Puerto Rico and the Island Areas. The data in American FactFinder come from several censuses and surveys. Searches can be done by state or community. American FactFinder creates estimates of information between official censuses using information from numerous sources.

### National Poverty Center

Website: <http://www.npc.umich.edu/>

The National Poverty Center provides information poverty in the United States and access to current research that is being done on the issue of poverty. They conduct and promote multidisciplinary, policy-relevant research, mentor and train emerging scholars, and inform public discourse on the causes and consequences of poverty.