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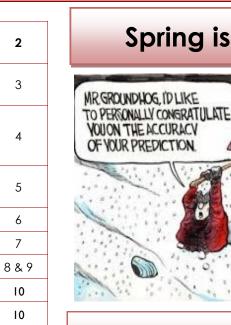


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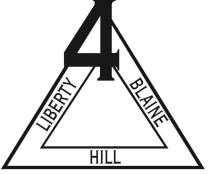
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As local programs, Head Start grantees are expected to adapt to their communities' needs and resources. The report views these variations in access, hours of service, teacher credentials, and more, as a weakness, whereas we view much of this variation as a strength. From the schedule of the program calendar to different comprehensive services provided for children and families, Head Start intentionally allows for variation in program features to best meet the needs of each unique community it serves. Local Head Start programs provide differentiated services while consistently maintaining high levels of quality instruction.

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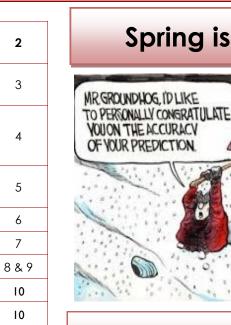


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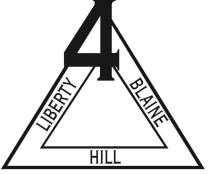
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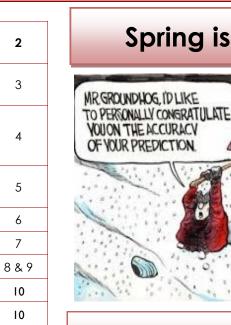


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## 1st edition 2017 **DISTRICT 4 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

Our Mission: To partner with low income people in their effort to achieve economic stability and to advocate for social and economic advancement. Our Vision: All individuals and families will achieve their dreams through meaningful assistance at District 4 HRDC.



## **A Warm Welcome**

#### Welcome to HRDC:

- Cassy Springer Admin. Officer
- Dustin Malley Housing Specialist
- ♦ Kathleen Whitaker Victim/Witness
- Chelsea Farr- E&T Director

Angel Care- 406-265-6743

#### Also in our building:

**Opportunity Resources Quality Life Concepts** CASA Plant a Seed Read **Renee Ratliff Dustin Ratliff Family Connections** 

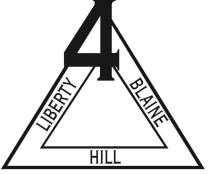
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New to HRDC

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# **Domestic Abuse Program**

# February is **Teen Dating Violence** month.

### Volunteers Needed

If you want to get involved in Community Action and help others, the 24 Hour Crisis Line is seeking volunteers to take calls. Whether you choose to donate one day or multiple days, your time and support can make a difference in the lives of others.

The crisis line handles a variety of calls ranging from requests for information to someone who may need more extensive peer counseling. The Volunteer Coordinator provides training to all volunteers before they are scheduled to take calls.

There are many benefits to becoming a volunteer! It can give you a deep sense of personal satisfaction knowing you are helping others and making our community a better place. There is a possibility of receiving college credits, we can write you a letter of recommendation, and volunteering is something you can add to your resume.

For more information on how to become a volunteer, please contact Echo Nelson at (406) 265-6743 ext. 1141.

You may be unaware that 1 in 3 of our adolescents is a victim of emotional, physical, or sexual abuse from a dating partner.

This staggering figure far out exceeds other types of youth violence. This abuse affects 1.5 MILLION teens annually.

We as parents, grandparents, educators, counselors and caring adults are in a position to influence, motivate and lead children and youth.

We play a critical role in shaping their attitudes and behaviors.

In solidarity join us in wearing **ORANGE** on February 14th ~

SOCIAL MEDIA 101:

#RespectWeek2017 (promote respect week Feb 13-17)

#orange4love (Wear Orange Day Feb 14)

#teenDVmonth (Teen Dating Violence Month)

#loveisrespect ( what does love and respect mean to you?)

Help us spread the word and spread the love!

For more information and activities:

#### www.loveisrespect.org

connect on facebook, twitter, Instagram, and tumbler.



# **Energy Program** (Heating Assistance)



HH Size	Gross Income Limit	Resource Limit
I	\$22,293	\$10,931
2	\$29,153	\$16,400
3	\$36,012	\$17,494
4	\$42,872	\$18,588
5	\$49,732	\$19,682
6	\$56,591	\$20,776
7	\$57,877	\$21,870
8	\$61,335	\$21,870

### **Other Low Income Energy**

### **Assistance Programs**

Hill County Electric Cooperative (HCE) and Big Flat Electric (BFE) are again contributing funds to assist low-income members in meeting their energy needs. HCE applicants must be LIEAP approved. Tribal LIEAP or state LIEAP is mandatory. Please call the HRDC 4 Energy Program for more information and have an application mailed to you. Applications for both programs are also available for pick-up at the front desk.

Both programs will continue to operate until all special funds have been depleted.

Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) heating season is still in full swing! LIEAP is intended as a supplement toward your heating costs. LIEAP does NOT pay for lights, heating your water, or cooking costs. LIEAP is NOT a monthly benefit. Benefit is paid once during the heating season, October 1 thru April 30th. Renters and homeowners are both eligible to apply.

### Four Steps for the Application Process

Contact District 4 HRDC Energy Program for an application (406) 265-6743 or 1-800-640-6743. You may find an online application via our HRDC 4 website, http://www.hrdc4.org/energy/

Provide proof of eligibility All applicants must supply the eligibility worker with proof of certain documents. All records provided are kept confidential.

Your notice of eligibility Once your application & documents are submitted, you will be sent a letter of notification. It will tell you if you are eligible and what benefit you may expect to receive.

**Receiving assistance** If you are eligible, most often, payments are made directly to your utility/fuel company.

Please see income guideline for gualifications regarding your household size. Contact 265-6743 for more detailed information or questions. Applications will be accepted until April 30th. Please share with your friends and family that may need help with their heating bill.



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#### **District 4 HRDC**

# Havre Community Food Bank



Havre Community Food Bank would like to extend a sincere **THANK** YOU to everyone in the community who helped us have a successful **Town Pump** "Be A Friend in Deed, Helping Those in Need" donation campaign. Postal food drive, and IGA "Hometown Hunger Drive." We appreciate your support. Havre Community Food Bank would not exist without donations from the community. We are also grateful to United Way for their support and for rescue food we receive from IGA and Wal-mart. Your generous donations assisted us in providing almost 8,000 individuals with food in 2016.

Food Bank Hours are 10 to 1 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, CLOSED Wednesday. Food Boxes are available up until 12:30 pm once every two months. Appointments are necessary for food box pick-up.

#### New Freezer

The Food bank is in need of a new walk in freezer. We have established a GoFundMe page to raise the money for the freezer. The link to the page is : https://www.aofundme.com/havrefoodbank

Please share, share, share!! All donations are greatly appreciated, and TAX DEDUCTIBLE!



# **Antelope Court**



Have you noticed the construction on the hill south of Buffalo Court? Antelope Court will have units available for occupancy beginning February 22,2017. To apply for Antelope Court contact Fern Lohse at 406-265-6743 ext. 1116.

# **Employment & Training**



## Workforce Investment & Opportunity Act (WIOA)

We are currently seeking applicants for our Out of School Youth and Adult WIOA programs. Out of School Youth are eligible at ages 16 through 24 and Adults are ages 18+. Contact us today to discuss a WEX (Work Experience) site and/or supportive services so we can help you reach your aoals!

Call 265-6743 for more information.

### New to Employment and Training: **Pathways Program**

Our WoRC program has been replaced with the Pathways Program. This program is designed for individuals receiving TANF cash assistance and provides intense case management services to participants . Applications for the Pathways Program are available in person at District 4 HRDC or through the Office of Public Assistance.

Stop by District 4 HRDC or call 265-6743 to schedule an appointment.

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## 2017 Havre HiSET Testing Schedule

February 7 & 28 March 14 & 28 April 11 & 25 To register and schedule a testing date, visit www.hiset.ets.org or call 1-888-694-4738 Full Battery (5 tests): \$50 HRDC Fee: \$15 Single Sub Test: \$15 HRCD Fee: \$3 Former GED test scores are no longer valid

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# MCAP Montana Community Action Program



Pictured above, third from left, is District 4 HRDC Executive Director Carilla French. She and other Executive Directors from Montana's Community Action Agencies informed the public of housing services provided for individuals and families with low-income.

### There are ten Community Action Agencies in Montana.

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**Opportunities Incorporated** Great Falls

District 4 Human Resource **Development Council** Havre

District 7 Human Resource **Development Council** Billings

District 9 Human Resource **Development Council** Bozeman

District 6 Human Resource **Development Council** Lewistown

Rocky Mountain **Development Council** Helena

Action Incorporated Butte

These pictures were taken January 5, 2017 when Montana Community Action Partnership (MCAP) attended Housing Day at the Rotunda in Helena.



Community Action Partnership of Northwest Montana Kalispell

District 11 Human Resource Council Missoula

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#### Studying the Head Start Advantage Continued

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