



WINTER 2020 ISSUE

# DISTRICT 4 HRDC

Quarterly Newsletter



## HRDC EVENTS

### March

#### 12-HRDC Board Meeting

6:30pm

HRDC Activity Room

#### 25 & 26- Homebuyers Education Class

5pm-9pm each evening

HRDC Activity Room

## NMCDC Receives Funding to Purchase 2 New Busses

NMCDC applied for additional funding during the 2018-2019 grant year to expand services and invest funding into the program's infrastructure. As part of that application, a plan was put into place to update NMCDC student transportation through the purchase of new busses. Current busses are over a decade old, are costly to maintain, and not very reliable.

The new busses were delivered to Havre, MT on February 18th and 19th, 2020. After receiving a Highway Patrol inspection, they'll be available to transport students and are expected to be a good addition to the program. Originally NMCDC planned to purchase one bus outright, and make payments on an additional bus. However the program was able to do a budget revision that allowed for both busses to be paid for completely.

## Domestic Abuse Program Updates Shelter

In 2019, the Domestic Abuse Program sheltered 43 women, 30 children, and 3 men.

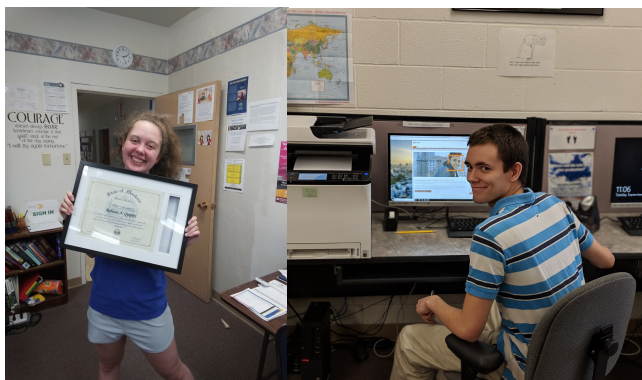
The program made necessary upgrades to the domestic violence shelter in the last year. Some of the upgrades included: upgraded panic button and alarm system, new washing machine, and also maintenance to the heating system. These improvements will go a long way to helping future victims utilizing the domestic violence shelter.

Help us welcome the newest Victim/Witness Advocate, Brandi Williams!

## Earn Your High School Diploma with the ABLE Program

The Adult Education Program at District 4 HRDC continues to empower individuals through education. Students 16 years and older can earn a high school equivalency diploma from the Montana Office of Public Instruction. There is no charge for the program and no income requirements.

Many other services are also provided along with an updated computer lab. Check it out and get the skills you need to succeed.



## Prepare to Enter the Workforce with the Career Closet

District 4 HRDC has partnered with Independence Bank to create the Career Closet which offers professional clothing free of charge. The Career Closet assists individuals who may not have the budget to purchase clothing for an interview or new job. The Career Closet offers both men and women's clothing in various sizes and styles, as well as shoes and other accessories. Individuals must be referred by the Job Service, the MSU Northern Career Center, or District 4 HRDC in order to use the Career Closet.

The Career Closet also accepts donations of all new and gently used professional clothing. These donations can be dropped off at the front desk of District 4 HRDC 8am-5pm Monday-Friday.

## WIOA Program Seeking Youth Applicants

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program is seeking youth ages 16 to 24. Youth can be those that do not have their high school diploma or those that do have their high school diploma, but are not yet attending higher education.

The WIOA program can help enrolled youth obtain valuable work and training experience to support their success when entering the workforce.

## LIEAP Season in Full Swing

Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) is currently halfway into the season which runs from October 1 to April 30. Applicants renting or owning a residence in Hill, Blaine, or Liberty counties may apply. Individuals residing on a reservation must apply for Tribal LIHEAP at the Rocky Boy Senior Center or the Ft. Belknap Senior Center.

Households meeting the income and non-business resource limits can receive assistance with their utility bills. When approved, the application also doubles as an application for the Weatherization Program as well.

LIEAP eligible households qualify for 30% Natural Gas discount and 25% Electric discount each month from the date of LIEAP approval from Northwestern Energy during the LIEAP season (October 1-April 30). During non-LIEAP season, households receive a 15% discount on Electric.

Applications can be picked up at District 4 HRDC,



## Leadership High School Visits HRDC

The students of Leadership High School visited HRDC on Wednesday, January 29th. Leadership High School is a group of juniors from Havre High selected by the Havre Chamber of Commerce who visit local businesses to learn about what they do.

The students learned about each of HRDC's programs and how they can help those in need. They were given scenarios based off of real HRDC clients and the students had to decide which programs could assist their client.



## HRDC Career Opportunities

### Position

### Wage

### Closing Date

Pathways Client Advocate

\$13.53/hr

February 26th, 5:00pm

Early Head Start Teacher

DOE

March 4th, 5:00pm

Home Energy Auditor

\$14.18/hr

March 5th, 5:00pm

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