Welcome to the third edition of 211 St. Croix Valley's "211 News You Can Use". We are looking forward to nature's beauty that fall brings to Wisconsin! Keep reading for this quarter's updates, new services in our communities, upcoming events, training & funding opportunities and so much more!

If you have a program or service update, training event, volunteer or funding opportunity you'd like to share, please submit a request here.

**211 St. Croix Valley Updates**

We are excited to share that our team will be growing, as UWSCV seeks to hire a full-time 211 Program Director to support the expansion of 211 St. Croix Valley. Alyson Sauter will continue to serve as UWSCV's Community Impact Director.

The 211 Program Director leads and manages the operation and promotion of 211 St. Croix Valley for a four-county region (Burnett, Pierce, Polk, and St. Croix) through United Way's 211 Call Center located in Hudson, WI. For the full position description and application instructions, visit https://www.unitedwaystcroix.org/careers.

On Saturday July 16th, 2022 the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline went into operation. Callers are able to access trained crisis counselors 24/7 who can help people experiencing suicidal thoughts, substance use, and/or a mental health crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress. Click here for additional information and resources.

Another new 211 resource directory has launched for informal / unpaid family caregivers who are 18 years or older, providing care to those 18+. The program is designed to help anyone serving in this role for supports or services they may need. Click here for more information.

**Grant & Funding Opportunities**

**Employer Sponsored Blood Drives**

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has a unique funding opportunity that is currently available. This Grant Funding Opportunity (GFO) awards grants to employers who apply to DHS to organize blood drives in partnership with a nonprofit blood bank organization. The Deadline to submit an application is March 31, 2023. The grant application link and further information can be found here.

**Upcoming Community Events & Reminders**

- **September is National Recovery Month!**
  There are plentiful opportunities throughout our communities in September and beyond to take part in recovery-focused activities. Thank you to We Support Recovery for providing the following list:
  - Spiritual Program Retreat in Amery Sept. 9-11
  - Hope & Healing Event & Hike

- **Early Childhood Family Navigation Program**
  Family Navigation is a United Way partnership between Success by 6 and 211. Through this collaboration we seek to extend the parameters of
Upcoming Event: Walk, Roll & Read

Walk, Roll & Read brings families and children together at local parks to enjoy a nature walk with story tents and children's activities along the way. All children in attendance are able to select a brand new book of their choice to take home donated by United Way. The next event is scheduled for Friday, September 16th, 2022 from 9:30 - 11:30am at Pine Park in Balsam Lake, WI.

Back to School Vaccine Reminders:

If you know a child or family in need of vaccinations, please check with your local public health department, school district nursing staff or physician. Click here for the Wisconsin DHS vaccine information and immunization schedules online.

Upcoming Training Events

UW-Madison MATCH Data to Action Training

This training will focus on Data to Action and will help continue to build the case for the change we want to see in our communities. Learn how to navigate What Works for Health, a database of policies, programs, and systems changes, each with a rating for its impacts on health and equity, with an analyst who works on the tool.

Register for one of the following:
- Wednesday, September 14th - 9 AM to 10:30 AM
- Monday, September 19th - 1 PM to 2:30 PM
Click here for registration

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Training

United Way St. Croix Valley and the YMCA in Hudson are partnering to offer Adult and Youth Mental Health First Aid training to partner organizations throughout the St. Croix Valley region. If you are a business or organization and would like to host a training for your staff or volunteers, please fill out our interest form here.

Vision: All people in the St. Croix Valley will lead a healthy life, receive quality education, and experience financial stability.
Mission: Uplifting people by building relationships, connecting resources and uniting the St. Croix Valley communities.