

RESOURCES IN THE PORTAGE AREA

Rent/Mortgage

- **Emergency Assistance Grant**- through W2. **608-742-0030 or 742-1089** Will pay towards homelessness prevention, based on family size. Emergency Assistance 1 time per year for rent, utilities, house payment kiosk 8-4:30 at Health and Human Services.
- **Community Action Council**- can do up to \$100, restrictions apply 608-742-3320
- **CWCAC- Dells 1-608-254-8353** security/first month rent and car repairs and etc.
- Section 8 information 608-472-2687 (Kim) 608-254-6028 (Lisa)
- **PACAP** (Portage Area Community Assistant Program) 608-742-7687
- **Rural Housing 1-888-400-5974** Security /first month rent or utilities
- **Renewal Unlimited 608-742-5329**
 - Rapid Rehousing
 - Homelessness Prevention (for people facing eviction)
- www.wisconsinhousingsearch.org
- Chamber of Commerce has current rental listings
- www.mfhrentals.usda.rd

Apartment Housing

- <http://wihousingsearch.org>
- <https://www.apartmenthomeliving.com/portage-wi>
- <https://madison.craigslist.org>
- **Newspapers at the library**

Utilities- Gas/Electric/LP/Oil

- Energy Services 608-742-4088
- CA Plus (Alliant Energy Budget Program) 1-800-975-5785
- St. Vincent's-energy assistance: 608-742-5513

Food

- **Second Harvest at Fairgrounds** on 2nd Monday of the month (first come, first served- recommend coming around 9-10 am to get in line)
- **St. Mary's Pardeeville- Second Harvest on 4th Monday** of the month (be there at 3pm to get a time card letting you know when to come get your food)
- **Portage Residents-** Food Pantry 405 E. Howard St. Lincoln Park - Monday & Wednesday 11-12 noon, Thursday from 5-6pm
- **St. Vincent de Paul** will give an emergency food box (once a month)
- **Food Share/Badger Care Program Capitol Consortium 1-888-794-5556**
- **Portage United Methodist Church** 1804 New Pinery Rd. Last Weds each month 3:30-5pm 742-2107

Prescriptions

- BadgerCare (www.access.wisconsin.gov) **1-888-794-5556**
- St. Vincent de Paul Free Clinic, held at Wilz Drug, Wednesday from 9-12 noon. First come, first served. They have specialists throughout the month for chiropractic, foot doctor, etc.

Daycare

- County assistance (www.access.wisconsin.gov) **1-888-794-5556**
- F-Set/ W-2 Program will authorize for childcare up 20hr per week

Phone

- Safelink (www.safelink.com) –up to 250 minutes, one per household. 1-800-977-3768
- QLink ([www.qlinkwireless.com](http://www qlinkwireless.com)) 855-754-6543
- Pre-paid- Straight Talk (\$40/mo), etc (usually cheaper than contract)

Household/Clothing/Misc.

- St. Vincent DePaul Monday – Saturday 9-5pm

Employment

- Job Center of Wisconsin Website- Registration Online at jobcenterofwisconsin.com
- Indeed.com, Craigslist.com
- SER Jobs (for Seniors) Work 25 hours/week pay is \$725/month up to 4 years while seeking employment at the same Maureen 920-907-9898
- WISE (for seniors) David Chapman 608-242-4897
- Unemployment 1-800-822-5246
- Department of Vocational Rehabilitation- helps those with disabilities find work 608-742-6250
- **FSET- Food Share Employment Training**- helps assess experience and can provide skills training and job placement. They also provide cab/gas vouchers for up to \$35/month for Portage, Montello and Baraboo for employment searches. Applicant needs to:
 - **Call FSET (608-742-0030)** and request an appointment
- Wisconsin Works (W2) anyone with children/dependents, up to \$653/month check, based on income. 608-742-1089

Mental Health/AODA

- Mental Health Crisis Line Northwest Connection, open 24/7 **1-888-552-6642**
- Health and Human Services, 608-742-9227 option 5. They may be able to assist with payment for services received at approved facilities, such as Pauquette Center.
- Pauquette Center 608-742-5518
- Transitions- Kay Spicer 608-393-1221
- MATRS for help with opioid and drug addictions 1-608-402-4372

Disability

- 1-888-875-1681

Transportation and Medical Transportation

- Wheels for Work (low interest car loans and vehicle repairs) 608-254-8353
- 1-866-907-1493 for Medicare and Medicaid recipients. Give 3 days' advance notice

Budgeting

- Central Wisconsin Community Action Council, Inc. (CWCAC) (608) 254-8353
 - Helps individuals manage their money to meet their needs and ensure a better quality of life. Programs include Representative Payee Services, Conservatorships, Trustee Services and Federal Fiduciary
- Health & Human Services (742-9713 Karen Alden) to get rep payee, a person needs to have a social worker (not economic support worker) with this department. Typically a qualifying person would already have a social worker for mental health/AODA or aging/disability services.
- ADRC- Aging Disability Resource Center 608-742- 9233