



United Way of Anchorage

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## For Alaskans affected by the government shutdown, help starts with Alaska 2-1-1

**Anchorage, AK** -- With connections to solutions for a wide range of needs -- from food, rent, and utility assistance to public benefits -- Alaska 2-1-1 stands ready to assist those affected by the ongoing government shutdown find the help they need to make ends meet.

Alaska 2-1-1 is the statewide health and human services help line operated by United Way of Anchorage on behalf of the United Ways in Alaska. Calls are free and confidential. Information can be provided in almost any language.

“For our neighbors affected by the shutdown, especially those who have not had to reach out for help before, this can be an especially stressful time. Thankfully, those facing challenges can count on Alaska 2-1-1. With a single phone call, Alaskans can connect with a trained and caring 2-1-1 call specialist who will listen and provide referrals to available programs and services best suited to meet those needs,” said Sue Brogan, Chief Operating Officer, United Way of Anchorage.

### Alaskans seeking help can connect with 2-1-1 in several ways:

- Call 2-1-1 or 1-800-478-2221 Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Search the 2-1-1 database directly at [www.Alaska211.org](http://www.Alaska211.org)
- Email [Alaska211@ak.org](mailto:Alaska211@ak.org)

Since its start in 2007, Alaska 2-1-1 has handled nearly a quarter of a million calls and made more than 320,000 referrals connecting Alaskans to needed services. Before Alaska 2-1-1, there was no single comprehensive statewide system for health and human services information and referrals. Today, no matter where you live in Alaska, help is just a phone away.

### About Alaska 2-1-1

Alaska 2-1-1 connects Alaskans in need to the most comprehensive database of community resources, government agencies and nonprofits throughout the state of Alaska.

### About United Way of Anchorage

United Way of Anchorage is a community of donors, advocates, volunteers, and partners who fight for the health, education and financial stability of every person in our community. LIVE UNITED. [www.LiveUnitedANC.org](http://www.LiveUnitedANC.org)

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