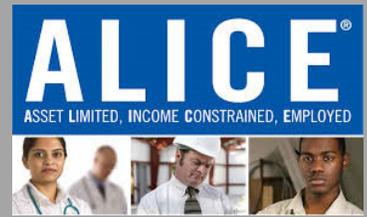


# HELPS BULLETIN



February



**IHFA is now doing a "Homeless Prevention" program in the five northern counties.** This is once in a lifetime help of a maximum of \$500 for a qualifying expense, only for people without a Section 8 Voucher. Also, the expense must be caused by an unexpected circumstance that resulted in their need for assistance (not just lack of living within means) and the family must have a sustainable budget after the event. Screenings are every Tuesday and they can leave a message for a screening appointment with Kimberly at 208-762-5113 ext. 5317.

**Mountain States Early Head Start** – Always enrolling pregnant women and families with children birth to age three. For more information, please contact Kristin Moody, [kmood@jannus.org](mailto:kmood@jannus.org).

**MSEHS** is hosting a community training with Cory Jewell Jensen April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Best Western CDA Inn. This one-day, four-part workshop will include in-depth information about understanding and responding to sexual crimes. Please register soon at <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=nunEnA>.

**North Idaho College Center for New Directions** has childcare scholarships available through a partnership with United Way. Funds for the scholarships are from the Ride for ALICE, Pita Pit Round Up, and a grant from the Idaho Community Foundation. Contact Kathy Albin for more information [kcalbin@nic.edu](mailto:kcalbin@nic.edu).

**Workforce Training Center** now has an open food pantry for students. They also have received a nursing mom's grant-giving students a place to breastfeed and or pump so they will not have to miss class. Scholarships available in the health field and WIOA Qualified worker retraining. Now serving High School students!

**Who is ALICE?**- Anyone employed and working hard but still struggling to make ends meet and earn enough to get from month to month. Often there is little left over for things like savings, preventative maintenance, homeownership, quality childcare, etc. Learn more about North Idaho's ALICE population, their unique needs, and their importance to our community. Text "IdahoALICE" to 50503 or visit <http://www.unitedwayofnorthidaho.org/alice>



## FEATURED PROGRAM

*North Idaho Connections-*  
<https://www.northidahoconnections.org/>

### What is North Idaho Connections?

North Idaho Connections is an online platform that connects all people in need with programs and services that will support them with dignity and ease. The online search makes it easy for people facing social needs – and those who help others – to find and make referrals to appropriate programs and services for food, shelter, health care, work, financial assistance and much more.

### *Why North Idaho Connections is Important:*

North Idaho Connections fills an important gap that exists in our communities in northern Idaho. There are thousands of resources that can help people meet their needs, however, there is not a resource database that exists that is comprehensive of these resources and up to date until now. North Idaho Connections is free for all people and organizations to use.

North Idaho Connections is hosting a community organization training Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Jessica Godderz at [JGodderz@khc.org](mailto:JGodderz@khc.org)