



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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How "back to school" affects you

It's that time of year where it seems every advertisement is for back to school, from school clothes and supplies to refrigerators and futons. Back to school can be just as stressful for people without kids as much as it is for those with kids. Back to school means more traffic, buses, and people out and about in general. Your timeliness to work depends on your route and leaving at the right time. We have all been in a situation of getting stuck behind slow traffic such as a school bus making stops. This can be frustrating when trying to make it to work on time to punch the time clock. Keep in mind many schools are starting before Labor Day and even adding extra time or minutes to each day the school is in session. This means it's often best to give yourself some extra time and leave a few minutes earlier. Keep an eye out for more people walking and, on the roadways, along with busses. Be sure to always yield and stop for flashing lights.

For those with children starting back to school, there is usually lots of hype around school supply shopping, clothes and back packs. There are many resources in the community helping children with school supplies and back packs. Also remember that when school starts, many schools don't have air conditioning in all rooms and kids will be wearing the same clothes they have worn throughout the summer. It could be beneficial to purchase a couple of new outfits but wait to purchase warmer clothes to get those better sales. Waiting to purchase items ensures your child won't outgrow them in a few months when its time to start wearing them. It is also helpful to take advantage of stores like Goodwill and Salvation Army or resale shops, where you can take in clothes that kids may have outgrown and earn a store credit to purchase new clothes.

For additional support & other resources, please reach out to a coach. ~Savannah and Jennifer

135

Employees Served
in July

306

Services Provided
in July

Participating Employers

- ❖ Lake Trust Credit Union
- ❖ GKI Foods
- ❖ Thai Summit
- ❖ Brighton NC Machine
- ❖ TG Fluid System
- ❖ March Coatings
- ❖ Novares
- ❖ Work Skills Corporation



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Network in Action

A year ago, an employee was referred to a coach by their HR department. The coach worked through the barrier of transportation with the need for car repair. The employee was eligible for the Bridge loan and was able to use the funds to repair their car. The employee has now paid the loan back in full and currently has approximately \$500 saved in the savings account that went along with the loan. The employee worked with the coach to review their budget and is continuing to have a percentage of their check automatically put into a savings account. The employee will use this savings account for emergency purposes. The employee reported that with the help of the coach they were able to get control of finances learn how to save, cut unnecessary costs and feel confident in being able to work through any unexpected issues that may arise.

Upcoming Events

Friday's from 3:30 -6pm and Saturday's 8am-11am - Bountiful Harvest, **NEW LOCATION**- 290 E. Grand River Brighton, MI 48116 behind the Brighton Presbyterian Church. Warm meal, food pantry and clothing available.

August 24, 2019 – Household Hazardous Waste Collection: 9am-noon. Send email at www.livgov.com/dpw or call 517-546-9606 to schedule and appt for drop off.

August 26 and September 23, 2019 – Medicare Questions 5PM. Cromaine Library 3688 N. Hartland Rd. Hartland, MI 48353

September 4, 2019 – Tech help for Adults. 3:00pm Cromaine Library 3688 N. Hartland Rd. Hartland, MI 48353

September 4, 2019 – Estate planning at the Cromaine Library 3688 N. Hartland Rd. Hartland, MI 48353. 6:30PM

September 7, 2019 – Reality Tour- 10am-noon, 2/42 church Brighton. Reality based prevention experience for teens and their parents. Register at LIVINGSTONREALITYTOUR2019.EVENTBRITE.COM

September 9, and October 14, 2019- Resume Review- 6:30PM Cromaine Library 3688 N. Hartland Rd. Hartland, MI 48353
Resume help with Patty from Michigan Works Southeast.

Free Medicare workshops- Elga Credit Union Locations listed: Sept 19 @2:30pm Flushing, Sept 24 @ 9am Lapeer

September 29, and October 27, 2019- Flint Children's Museum Free Day. Noon- 5PM 1602 University Ave, Flint, MI 48504

October 19, 2019 – Baby Fair- 9am – noon- LESA, Howell MI. Community resources and items for expectant and new parents provided by Lacasa's Cap counsel and Great Start

Free online Cyber Safety awareness training for kids and parents - <https://wizer-training.com/back-to-school>

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