



Hello,

Welcome to the 47th edition of our 211 newsletter, where we share information on 211 services and benefits, funding updates, and opportunities for you to become an advocate for 211.



## 211 Lake County is Turning 3!

United Way of Lake County is celebrating the third anniversary of 211 services for Lake County. Join us to learn about 211's measurable impact, data on community-specific needs, and the results we have seen in year three.

Megan McKenna, CEO of Boys & Girls Club of Lake County, will moderate a diverse panel featuring Kelly Brown – CIO of Interface Children & Family Services, Carla Gutierrez – Director of Youth Counseling at Catholic Charities and Social Worker at Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital, Bruce Johnson – CEO of Nicasa Behavioral Health Services, and Holly Kim – Board Member of Hanul Family Alliance discussing how 211 more efficiently guides people to available resources to help improve and save lives.

Help us recognize the incredible support and collaboration of so many who have joined with us to sustain this vital service for Lake County and celebrate the results we've achieved together.

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## National Preparedness Month: Be Ready

September is National Preparedness Month and 211 encourages you to prepare for disasters and emergencies before they happen. Making a plan to prepare is the best way to protect yourself, your pets and your family. Consider the specific needs you might have in an emergency. Make sure your kids know important phone numbers and review your family's emergency plans. Fill out a **family communications plan**, build an **emergency supply kit** and learn **lifesaving skills** that could help your family, friends, neighbors and coworkers during a disaster. Stay informed and sign up to receive **local emergency alerts** to your email and/or mobile phone.

The life you've built is worth protecting. Prepare now for disasters to create a lasting legacy for you and your family.



## Happy Hispanic American Heritage Month

National Hispanic American Heritage Month takes place September 15 – October 15 every year as a time to recognize and celebrate the extensive histories, diverse cultures and many contributions of Americans whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

As we celebrate our Latinx community here in Lake County, we want to say THANK YOU to our wonderful 211 expert navigators who are available 24/7 to answer calls from our Spanish-speaking community.

Visit our [211 toolkit](#) to request bilingual (Spanish/English) printed materials or to download videos, flyers and graphics to help raise awareness of 211 in the Latinx community.

We are participating in a Hispanic Heritage Month celebration on October 12 at College of Lake County and we invite you to join us. This event is all about recognizing the contributions of our Latinx community members in Lake County and celebrating the new generations of Latinx leaders in our community. [Click here to learn more.](#)

¡La ayuda está al alcance de una llamada o un mensaje de texto!

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-  Cuidado de Salud
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-  Servicios de Crisis
-  Apoyo Personal, de Niños y Familia (y mucho más!)

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SARA MARTINEZ



## ‘Charla con el 211’ Returns

Next month we are relaunching our talk show series Charla con el 211, featuring our 211 Ambassador Sara Martinez. This time, the 5-part weekly series will be broadcast on TUDN Radio WKRS 1220-AM and will be livestreamed on Facebook. Sara will be joined by Jose Rodriguez, host of the Spanish radio show *Union Latina*, and Oscar Zepeda, Editor in Chief of *Puro Futbol Newspaper* talking about 211 with a special guest from the Latinx community.

Tune in for the relaunch of *Charla con el 211* on Tuesday, **October 25 at 9:00 a.m.** or watch it LIVE on our Facebook page!



# 211 TRAINING

for School Social Workers  
in a Lake County School District

October 7, 2022 | 9:00 - 10:00 AM



## 211 Training for School Social Workers

Social workers at any Lake County School District are invited to join us on **October 7 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.** for 211 Training. Learn how 211 is a valuable resource for a wide range of essential services to help local families in need. The free training is hosted by Lake County Regional Office of Education and United Way of Lake County's 211.

[View our post on Facebook.](#)

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# INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

## 211 Internship Opportunity

We are looking to hire an intern to participate in planning activities and implementation of our 211 program within the Lake County community, including data collection, visiting locally-owned businesses and attending community events. This internship requires reliable transportation and good written and verbal communication skills.

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## Supporter Spotlight

“When 211 was first introduced, no one could have imagined the devastation that the pandemic would bring. Throughout the pandemic, 211 has been a critical lifeline for residents experiencing hard times. United Way of Lake County’s 211 connects those in need to help with finding food, shelter, rent and utility assistance, and other essential human services. I am proud to support and promote United Way and 211.”

–Mayor Scott Gartner, Village of Antioch



## Our Community of 211 Donors

Thank you to our community partners and many individuals for their generous financial support to help us sustain 211 for Lake County. [View our list of funding partners here.](#)

## How can you help?

1. Share this email and encourage your network to [opt-in to 211 communications](#).
2. [Help sustain 211 with an online donation](#).
3. Follow United Way of Lake County on social media to receive timelier 211 updates.



Best regards,

**Deanna Olmem**

Manager, 211 and Safe & Stable Families