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Dukes County Health Care Access

Health Care Access is temporarily closed at our New York Avenue address for a few months while our building undergoes some much-needed improvements. Staff operate from the County Administration building and remotely, and we can still be reached at the same phone number:

(508) 696-0020.

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*Health Care Access is seeking candidates for the Health Access Specialist position to provide public health insurance application and enrollment services. We are also looking an Administrative Assistant/Receptionist, to greet the public and clients, answer phones, schedule appointments, do data entry and provide clerical assistance. For more*

**information [Click Here](#)**

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MassHealth renewals are ongoing! If you received a notice saying you must renew, please respond by the due date listed in your renewal notice. If needed, you can update your address, phone number or email; employment and income; and make changes to your household members. If you turned 65 since your last renewal, you now need to complete the Application for Health Care Coverage for Seniors (SACA). You can renew online using your Health Connector account or by phone with MassHealth at (800) 841-2900. You can also call Health Care Access for an appointment to renew.

VINEYARD SMILES

coordinated the February dental hygiene clinics with Polished Dental the week of February 19th and our schedule was overflowing with low-income Islanders seeking oral health care. Polished will be back on April 15th for the second week of spring clinics. To register or for more information please send a text or email to Polished at (978) 549-0659 or polishedvhca@gmail.com

Dukes County is seeking a Director of Health and Human Services to plan and coordinate programs and services including Health Care Access, Public Benefits Access and Veteran's Services, and additional County public health initiatives.

[Click Here](#) for more information

Dukes County Public Benefits



We're here to help!
Here's how:

FUEL ASSISTANCE

The fuel assistance program helps eligible low income households with their heating bills in the winter. We assist with oil, kerosene, propane, gas, electric, or wood/pellets. For information about the fuel assistance program or to apply call us at 508-746-6707 or go to our website www.SSCAC.org.

# of household members	Yearly household gross income limit
1	\$45,392
2	\$59,359
3	\$73,326
4	\$87,294
+	Call for limits for larger households, income levels change annually

WEATHERIZATION

Is your home cold and drafty in the winter and hot in the summer?
Want to save \$\$ on your electric bills?

Our weatherization program offers **no cost** insulation and weather sealing to eligible households. If you have been approved for fuel assistance or have a low income discount on your utility bill you may qualify. To see if you qualify for this **FREE** program Call the Energy Conservation Dept. (508) 747-7575 x6221.

APPLIANCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



Do you have an old, energy inefficient washing machine, refrigerator, freezer, dehumidifier or window AC unit(s) contributing to high electric bills?



Our Appliance Management Program will assess these appliances for energy efficiency. Qualifying appliances will be replaced at no cost with new, energy efficient models. We will also replace incandescent light bulbs with energy efficient bulbs as well as provide some other energy saving items and suggestions. If you have been approved for fuel assistance or have a low income discount on your utility bill you may qualify. To see if you qualify for this **FREE** program Call the Energy Conservation Dept. (508) 747-7575 x6221. (Program not available in towns with municipal electric.)

HEATING SYSTEM REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT



Does your heating system need to be repaired or replaced?



Eligible homeowners may qualify to have their system repaired or replaced at **no cost**. You may qualify for this **FREE** program if you are an eligible fuel assistance applicant or receive a low income discount on your utility bill(s). For more information call the Energy Conservation Dept. (508) 747-7575 x6253

Updated 8/18/2023

Fiscal Year 2024 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LHEAP) Income Eligibility and Benefit Levels

Number of People in a Household	100% of Federal Poverty Level	125% of Federal Poverty Level	150% of Federal Poverty Level	175% of Federal Poverty Level	200% of Federal Poverty Level	60% of Estimated State Median Income
1	\$ 14,580	\$ 18,225	\$ 21,870	\$ 25,515	\$ 29,160	\$ 45,392
2	\$ 19,720	\$ 24,650	\$ 29,580	\$ 34,510	\$ 39,440	\$ 59,359
3	\$ 24,860	\$ 31,075	\$ 37,290	\$ 43,505	\$ 49,720	\$ 73,326
4	\$ 30,000	\$ 37,500	\$ 45,000	\$ 52,500	\$ 60,000	\$ 87,294
5	\$ 35,140	\$ 43,925	\$ 52,710	\$ 61,495	\$ 70,280	\$ 101,261
6	\$ 40,280	\$ 50,350	\$ 60,420	\$ 70,490	\$ 80,560	\$ 115,228
7	\$ 45,420	\$ 56,775	\$ 68,130	\$ 79,405	\$ 90,840	\$ 117,846
8	\$ 50,560	\$ 63,200	\$ 75,840	\$ 88,480	\$ 101,120	\$ 120,465
9	\$ 55,700	\$ 69,625	\$ 83,550	\$ 97,475	\$ 111,400	\$ 123,084
10	\$ 60,840	\$ 76,050	\$ 91,260	\$ 106,470	\$ 121,680	\$ 125,703
11	\$ 65,980	\$ 82,475	\$ 98,970	\$ 115,465	\$ 128,322	\$ 128,322
12	\$ 71,120	\$ 88,900	\$ 106,680	\$ 124,460	\$ 130,941	\$ 130,941
13	\$ 76,260	\$ 95,325	\$ 114,390	\$ 133,455	\$ 133,560	\$ 133,560
14	\$ 81,400	\$ 101,750	\$ 122,100	\$ 136,179	\$ 136,179	\$ 136,179
15	\$ 86,540	\$ 108,175	\$ 129,810	\$ 138,797	\$ 138,797	\$ 138,797
16	\$ 91,680	\$ 114,600	\$ 137,520	\$ 141,416	\$ 141,416	\$ 141,416
17	\$ 96,820	\$ 121,025	\$ 145,230	\$ 145,230	\$ 145,230	\$ 145,230
Homeowners and Non-Subsidized Housing Tenants						
Deliverable Fuel (Oil, Propane, Kerosene & Other)	\$1,500	\$1,320	\$1,162	\$1,022	\$1,022	\$900
Utility and Heat-Included-in-Rent	\$1,000	\$880	\$774	\$681	\$681	\$600
High Energy Cost Supplement	\$200	\$180	\$160	\$140	\$140	\$120
Subsidized Housing Tenants						
Deliverable Fuel (Oil, Propane, Kerosene & Other)	\$1,050	\$924	\$813	\$716	\$716	\$630
Utility and Heat-Included-in-Rent	\$700	\$616	\$542	\$477	\$477	\$420
High Energy Cost Supplement	\$200	\$180	\$160	\$140	\$140	\$120
High Energy Cost Supplement (HECS) Thresholds - TBD						
Heating Oil & Propane	\$2,217		Natural Gas	\$1,366	Other	\$1,840
Kerosene	\$1,974		Electricity	\$2,007		

Note: Contact EOHLC to determine eligibility for a household of 18 and above.

Sources (Income Level): "Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines, Federal Register, January 19, 2023 (88 FR 3424-3425) and "State Median Income Estimates ... Mandatory Use in FY24 LIHEAP", USHHS, OCS, DEA, LIHEAP-IM-2023-02;

The Benefit Amount awarded to eligible households is based on several household factors reflected on this chart. Those include the number of people in a household, their gross income, the energy source, and the housing situation.

The High Energy Cost Supplement is an additional benefit provided only to qualifying, eligible LIHEAP households whose previous year's heating source costs exceed the above listed HECS thresholds.

11/08/2023

Fuel Assistance/ Utility Assistance
Social Security Disability, Social Security Insurance
Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled, and Children(EAEDC)
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC)
Unemployment Insurance

For questions about these Public Benefits please contact

Wendy Maseda

508 696-3844

Dukes County Veterans Services

For questions about Veterans services please contact:

Randy Dull 508 693-6887



Dukes County Homeless Prevention Services

[Click here](#) for overnight shelter information in Portuguese.

[Click here](#) for overnight shelter information in English.



Harbor Homes
Martha's Vineyard

Abrigo noturno

Abrigo abre em 1º de novembro

Abrigo noturno com jantar e café da manhã

Todas as noites, das 18h às 8h

Entrada entre 18h e 19h

Não é permitido entrar depois das 19h

O abrigo está localizado no campus da
Martha's Vineyard Community Services, no
Edifício A.

Para mais informações ligue para:
508-560-3678



Harbor Homes
Martha's Vineyard

Overnight Shelter

Shelter opens on November 1st

Overnight shelter with dinner and breakfast

Every night from 6 pm to 8 am

Guests arrive between 6 – 7 pm

No admittance after 7 pm

Shelter is located on the Martha's Vineyard
Community Services campus in Building A

For more information, call: 508-560-3678

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living



The Island Dementia
& Caregiver Network

NEW Respite Innovations

Are you a caregiver in need of respite? A respite worker will bring companionship & engaging activities into your home while you take a break. MV Center for Living improves the quality of life for older adults & their caregivers. Call today!

508-939-9440
mvcenter4living.org

Supportive Day Program

A daily program for older adults who may experience memory challenges or disability. Enriching activities & a family-style lunch create a day of community engagement & meaning.

Memory Support Services

- Memory Screening
- Support, Counseling, & Referrals
- Information & Education
- Dementia Coaching
- Dementia Caregiver support Group
- Early Memory Loss Support



Weekly Open House

Drop in every Friday, 11am-12pm to see what we're all about!

Monthly Music & Memory Cafe

Join us every 3rd Thursday for live music and dancing, 10am-12pm. All are welcome!

Join Our Team!

MV Center for Living seeks a part time van driver, substitutes, and volunteers to help deliver our services. Please call for more information.

Shopping Shuttle



MV Center for Living is partnering with the Tisbury & Oak Bluffs Councils on Aging & Island Elderly Housing to provide weekly transportation for older adults to run errands & go shopping. Please call MVCL by Tuesday each week to schedule your ride.

508-939-9440

Wednesday

Downtown Vineyard Haven

Thursday

Edgartown Stop & Shop / Triangle / Morning Glory Farm

Friday

Downtown Oak Bluffs / Food Pantry



Thanks to MV Community Foundation
for supporting this service!

For more information contact
[Leslie](#) at MV Center for Living



Reminders



Happy Easter!

**Enjoy a meal delivered to your
door on Easter Sunday,
March 31, 2024**

If you are alone or will be unable to
go out, call your local Council on
Aging no later than Fri, **March 22**,
to order your holiday meal:

Edgartown, 508-627-4368

Oak Bluffs, 508-693-4509

Tisbury, 508-696-4205

Up-Island, 508-693-2896

A volunteer will deliver your meal
on Easter Sunday in an oven- and
microwave-safe container for you
to heat up at your convenience.

*Sponsored by your local Councils on
Aging and Martha's Vineyard Center for
Living. Your meal is prepared at
Martha's Vineyard Hospital.*



Grace Church Suppers - Every
Friday night.



**EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
DECEMBER-MARCH**

**5-5:30PM
CURBSIDE PICKUP
ON WOODLAWN**

**Please call to make a reservation
508.693.0332**

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**Harbor Homes
Martha's Vineyard**

774-563-3687

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Tisbury

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Healthy Aging MV

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Island Health Inc.



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