

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
LIFELINE/LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH
ANNUAL REPORT
JUNE 1, 2008**

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Study Area Code: 391671 (Mobridge)

Lifeline/Link Up Advertising/Outreach Activities:

- Advertise in media of general distribution.* (See attached advertisement(s).)
- Letter to existing and new customers regarding the availability of Lifeline/Link Up.* (See attached letter.)
- Company's Lifeline/Link Up information in directory.
- Company's Lifeline/Link Up information available on Company website. (www.companywebsiteaddress.com)
- Company's information posted on USAC website.
- Other (describe): Place Information Poster and Pamphlets of Lifeline/Link Up at City Halls, Senior Centers, Schools. Place Information of Lifeline/Link Up Program in West River Telecommunications Cooperative's newsletter (distributed to all subscribers).

*Required



West River Telecom

Lifeline, Link Up, and Toll Limitation Service support provide discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephone service. Note: Telecommunications carriers cannot charge a Lifeline customer federal USF fees on the local service portion of their telephone bill.

What type of discount is available?

Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive up to \$8.25 per month in discounts.

Eligible residents of Indian reservations or tribal lands can receive up to an additional \$25 in Lifeline support, but must pay at least \$1 for basic monthly service.

Link Up reduces the cost of initiating new telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive a 50% discount off of the one-time costs associated with initiating telephone service, up to a maximum of \$30. Eligible consumers also qualify for a deferred payment schedule for remaining costs of up to \$200.

Eligible low-income consumers living on tribal lands are eligible for an additional discount of up to \$70 to cover 100% of the charges between \$60 and \$130.

Toll Limitation Service (TLS) support allows eligible consumers who wish to avoid incurring large long distance fees to choose toll blocking or toll control at no cost

How do I know whether I am eligible?

Eligibility for Lifeline, Link Up, and TLS support *varies by state*. Individuals who reside in states that have their own discount programs qualify for federal Lifeline, Link Up, and TLS support if they meet the eligibility criteria established by their state. In states that do not provide state support, an individual is eligible if he or she participates in one of the following programs:

- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (L1HEAP)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8
- Medicaid
- Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program's free lunch program

In addition, a consumer may be eligible if his or her household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines. (See attached table.)

Residents of Indian reservations or tribal lands qualify if they participate in any of the programs listed above, have a household income that is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines, or participate in one of these programs:

- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) general assistance
- Head Start (income eligible)
- Tribal TANF

How do I apply to receive Lifeline, Link Up, and TLS support discounts?

To apply for Lifeline, Link Up, and TLS discounts please contact WRT at 748-2211.

Important Notice Regarding the DTV Transition

After February 7, 2009, a television receiver with only an analog broadcast tuner will require a converter box to receive full power over-the-air broadcasts with an antenna because of the Nation's transition to digital broadcasting. Analog-only TVs should continue to work as before to receive low power, Class A or translator television stations and with cable and satellite TV services, gaming consoles, VCRs, DVD players and similar products.

Information about the DTV transition is available from www.DTV.gov and from www.dtv2009.gov or 1-888-DTV-2009 for information about subsidized coupons for digital-to-analog converter boxes.

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HOME TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

Can't Afford Telephone Service? Link-Up and Lifeline Programs Can Help

Home Telephone Assistance

Link-Up and Lifeline help eligible people pay PART of their telephone costs.

Link-Up

- Will save you 50% of the initial charges to hook up primary telephone service.
- Your telephone company may defer payment on the balance and waive interest.
- You may qualify for service without a deposit. Ask your local telephone company.

Lifeline

- Can save you from \$8.25 up to \$21.95 on your monthly phone bill for primary local telephone service.
- Applies only to primary local telephone service in the home where you live.

Who Is Eligible?

Anyone qualified under one of the following assistance programs.

How To Obtain The Telephone Services

- Obtain eligibility forms from your telephone company and check one of the following: Medicaid, Food Stamps, SSI Supplemental Security Income, Federal Public Housing Assistance, Low Income Home Energy Assistance, Temporary Assistance For Needy Families (TANF) Program, National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch Program, or if your household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. This does require documentation.

What If My Benefits Stop?

If you no longer qualify for any economic program, you no longer qualify for Link-Up or Lifeline.

More Information

- For more information on Link-Up or Lifeline, please contact your local telephone company.
- For questions on eligibility, call your county social services office.

Note: People who live on tribal lands may be eligible for separate Tribal Link-Up and Lifeline Programs. Contact your local telephone company for information.

Home Telephone Assistance-Tribal Lands

These programs allow eligible persons on tribal lands to receive local telephone service for \$1.00 a month plus taxes. They also offer assistance with telephone service hook up costs.

Expanded Link-Up

- Expanded Link-Up provides eligible residents of Tribal Lands with an additional benefit of

up to \$70 if there is an aid to construction. Expanded Link-Up does not apply to connection charges that are less than \$60.

- Telephone company may set up a payment plan on the balance and waive interest.
- Contact your local telephone company to find out if you qualify for hook up service without a deposit.

Tribal Lands Lifeline

- Provides primary local telephone service for \$1.00 a month (plus taxes) for eligible persons.
- Applies only to primary local telephone service in the home.

Who Is Eligible?

- Residents of tribal lands participating in at least one of the following programs: Medicaid (e.g. Title XIX/Medical), State Supplemental Assistance, Food Stamps Program, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Federal Public Housing Assistance, Low Income Home Energy Assistance, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) General Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program (State of Tribally Administered), National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch program, or Head Start (Meeting Income qualifying standards). Or if your household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. This does require documentation.

Note: If you have been disconnected for non payment of telephone bills, these programs are available to you if you bring your local bill current. You may be required to pay a reconnect fee.

How To Obtain The Telephone Services

You may self certify at your local telephone office that you qualify for one of the above programs.

OR

When you qualify for any programs administered through your county social services office, they will have the required forms.

OR

When you qualify for any programs administered by tribal offices, the tribal administrator can provide verification of eligibility to the telephone company. Contact the telephone company to do the necessary paperwork.

How Long Will These Benefits Continue?

- If you no longer meet the eligibility guidelines above, you no longer qualify for Link-Up or Lifeline.

More Information

- For more information on Link-Up and Lifeline, please contact your local telephone company.



Home Telephone Assistance

Home Telephone Assistance-Tribal Lands

North Dakota Public Service Commission

600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408

Bismarck, ND
58505-0485

701-328-2100

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

605-773-3201

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Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Telephone Assistance Programs

WRT understands how vital the telephone is to everyday life. Help is available for those who can't afford telephone service—through Lifeline and Link Up Assistance Programs eligible people can receive help to pay part of their telephone costs.

Lifeline

Can save you at least \$8.25 on your monthly phone bill for primary local telephone service. This applies only to primary telephone service in the home where you live.

Link Up

Can save you 50% of the initial charges to hook up primary telephone service.

Who is Eligible?

Anyone qualified under one of the following economic assistance programs qualifies for Link Up & Lifeline.

- National School Lunch (NSL) Program's Free Lunch Program
- Medicaid
- Food Stamps program
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program

You may also be eligible if your income is equal to or less than 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Tribal Lands Lifeline & Expanded Link Up

Residents of tribal lands who qualify for regular Lifeline are eligible for Tribal Lands Lifeline and Expanded Link Up. Tribal Lands Lifeline provides primary local telephone service for \$1.00 a month for eligible persons. This does not cover costs for long distance, E-911 charges, optional features, taxes and other applicable state/federal-mandated fees. Expanded Link-Up offers assistance with telephone service hook up costs.

Who is Eligible?

Residents of tribal lands participating in at least one of the following programs:

- National School Lunch (NSL) Program's Free Lunch Program
- Medicaid (e.g. Title XIX Medical)
- State Supplemental Assistance
- Food Stamps Program
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- BIA general assistance
- Tribally administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Head Start (only with income qualifying standard)

You may also be eligible if your income is equal to or less than 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

To Apply/For More Information

Please call WRT at 748-2211.

LIFELINE/LINKUP APPLICATION FOR ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS LIVING ON TRIBAL LANDS
(Please Print)

Name: _____
Last First MI

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Telephone Number where you can be reached or receive messages: _____

1. I am applying for: _____ Lifeline (monthly telephone service discount)
_____ Link Up (telephone connection charge discount)

Note: Telephone service MUST be in applicant's name.

2. I am an individual living on "Tribal Lands". An eligible resident of Tribal Lands for purposes of the Lifeline/Linkup Assistance Programs is a qualifying low-income consumer living on or near a Reservation. A "Reservation" is defined as any federally recognized Indian Tribe's Reservation, pueblo, or colony, and Indian Allotments. "Near Reservation" is defined as those areas or communities adjacent or contiguous to Reservation which have been designated by the Federal Commission of Indian Affairs (within the Department of Interior) as locales that are appropriate for the extension of financial assistance and/or social services.

3. I am currently receiving assistance benefits from at least one of the following programs (check all that apply):

- _____ Medicaid (Title XIX/Medical, State Supplemental Assistance)
- _____ Food Stamps program
- _____ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- _____ Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- _____ Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- _____ Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) General Assistance program
- _____ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program (State or Tribal)
- _____ National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch program
- _____ Head Start (meeting income qualifying standards)

4. OR,

- _____ My household income is at, or below, 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (documentation required)
- _____ There are this number of people in my household

I agree to notify the telephone company when I no longer qualify based on the above criteria.

I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OR PERJURY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE. I have read the information on this application and understand that I must meet at least one of the above qualifications to receive Lifeline/Linkup assistance on my primary residential telephone line. I further authorize the local phone company, the Tribal government, the county social service, and the Department of Human Services to use my social security number and to communicate about my enrollment of eligibility in programs shown above and agree that they may share the type of information provided above in order to verify my enrollment status.

Signature

Date

LIFELINE/LINK UP ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

(Please Print)

Name:

Last First M.I.

Address:

Street Apt. No.

City:

City State Zip Code

Social Security Number: _____

Telephone Number (if you have existing service): _____

Telephone Number where you can be reached/receive messages: _____

1. I am applying for: Lifeline (monthly telephone service discount)
 Link Up (telephone connection charge discount)

Note: Telephone service **MUST** be in applicant's name.

2. I am currently receiving assistance benefits from at least one of the following programs (**check all that apply**):

- Medicaid (e.g. Title XIX/Medical, State Supplemental Assistance).
 Food Stamps program.
 Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
 Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8).
 Low Income Home Energy Assistance.
 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.
 National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch program.

3. Or,

- My household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. (Documentation required.)
 There are this number of people in my household.

I agree to notify the telephone company when I no longer qualify based on the above criteria.

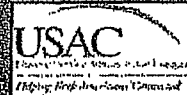
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Signature

Date

SEND THE COMPLETED APPLICATION TO: WRT, PO BOX 467, HAZEN, ND 58545

2008 Federal Poverty Guidelines



100% *

Persons in Family or Household	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$10,400	\$13,000	\$11,960
2	\$14,000	\$17,500	\$16,100
3	\$17,600	\$22,000	\$20,240
4	\$21,200	\$26,500	\$24,380
5	\$24,800	\$31,000	\$28,520
6	\$28,400	\$35,500	\$32,660
7	\$32,000	\$40,000	\$36,800
8	\$35,600	\$44,500	\$40,940
For each additional person, add	\$3,600	\$4,500	\$4,140

125%

Persons in Family or Household	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$13,000	\$16,250	\$14,950
2	\$17,500	\$21,875	\$20,125
3	\$22,000	\$27,500	\$25,300
4	\$26,500	\$33,125	\$30,475
5	\$31,000	\$38,750	\$35,650
6	\$35,500	\$44,375	\$40,825
7	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$46,000
8	\$44,500	\$55,625	\$51,175
For Each Additional Person, add	\$4,500	\$5,625	\$5,175

135%

Persons in Family or Household	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$14,040	\$17,550	\$16,146
2	\$18,900	\$23,625	\$21,735
3	\$23,760	\$29,700	\$27,324
4	\$28,620	\$35,775	\$32,913
5	\$33,480	\$41,850	\$38,502
6	\$38,340	\$47,925	\$44,091
7	\$43,200	\$54,000	\$49,680
8	\$48,060	\$60,075	\$55,269
For Each Additional Person, add	\$4,860	\$6,075	\$5,589

► A consumer may be eligible if their total household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines in states that follow the federal eligibility criteria. Click [here](#) for a list of states using the federal eligibility criteria.

► States that have their own Lifeline and Link-Up Programs may set their own eligibility criteria, by increasing OR decreasing total household income limits or choosing not to use total household income as an eligibility criterion.

► Additionally, some states may use total household income as eligibility criteria, but develop their own limits. For information about income based eligibility in these states contact the state commission.

150%

Persons in Family or Household	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$15,600	\$19,500	\$17,940
2	\$21,000	\$26,250	\$24,150
3	\$26,400	\$33,000	\$30,360
4	\$31,800	\$39,750	\$36,570
5	\$37,200	\$46,500	\$42,780
6	\$42,600	\$53,250	\$48,990
7	\$48,000	\$60,000	\$55,200
8	\$53,400	\$66,750	\$61,410
For Each Additional Person, add	\$5,400	\$6,750	\$6,210

175%

Persons in Family or Household	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$18,200	\$22,750	\$20,930
2	\$24,500	\$30,625	\$28,175
3	\$30,800	\$38,500	\$35,420
4	\$37,100	\$46,375	\$42,665
5	\$43,400	\$54,250	\$49,910
6	\$49,700	\$62,125	\$57,155
7	\$56,000	\$70,000	\$64,400
8	\$62,300	\$77,875	\$71,645
For Each Additional Person, add	\$6,300	\$7,875	\$7,245

* SOURCE: Federal Register, Vol. 73, No. 15, January 23, 2008, pp. 3971-3972
Please Note: The federal poverty guidelines are typically updated in the end of January.

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Q. Is help available to me if I can't afford telephone service?

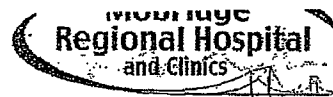
A. Yes—through Lifeline and Link Up Assistance Programs eligible people can receive help to pay part of their telephone costs. Lifeline can save you at least \$8.25 on your monthly phone bill, applying only to primary telephone service in the home where you live. (This does not cover the costs for long distance, E-911 charges, optional calling features, taxes and other applicable state/federal mandated fees.) Link Up can save you 50% of the initial charges to hook up primary telephone service. Similar assistance programs are also available for people living on Tribal Lands. You may be eligible for these programs if you qualify for at least one of the following programs: National School Lunch (NSL) Program's Free Lunch Program, Medicaid, Food Stamps, Low Income Home Energy Assistance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Federal Public Housing Assistance, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) General Assistance program, Head Start (meeting income qualifying standards), or if your income is equal to or less than 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. For more information, or to apply for these programs, please call or visit WRT.



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Customer Service
Manager



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Q. What is happening with the new name change at Golden LivingCenter formerly Beverly Healthcare?

A. Over a year ago, our company was bought and the new name reflects the vision for our company and sets the stage for what the company is going to represent in the future. By doing this, we are creating a "brand" for our company. Our new branding is a better reflection of where we are today and where we want to go. The new name reflects the vision for our company and sets the stage for what the company is going to represent in the future. By doing this, we are creating a "brand" for our company. Our new branding is a better reflection of where we are today and where we want to go. We are excited to show off our new name; Golden LivingCenter to our residents, family members, staff and community. We have implemented the name change in our building by answering our phone with Golden Living Center and our new sign will be out front soon. Our residents will see new name tags and outfits for our staff and we are excited to show off our new logo and colors. No other changes in our building are planned and our main focus will always be giving quality care to our residents!



Terry Rieck
Executive Director
Golden LivingCenter
Mobridge



1100 4th Ave E,
Mobridge, SD 57601

Q. What can we do to get this big bulky water heater out of the basement?

A. Install an on demand water heater, it mounts on the wall, only takes up about a 1.5' x 2' area and only heats the water when you turn on the faucet. They also have an efficiency rating of 87% and can save you from \$100 to \$150/year in energy costs. Units come in LP gas or natural gas and will produce 3.3 gallons of 90 degree temperature rise water/minute or about 200 gallons/HR, and in 2007 the Government is giving a \$300 tax credit for installing one. So if you have any questions on these units, give us a call. Thanks - 1-877-754-8673



Arlyn Ritter
Manager



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Photo courtesy Tom Aman

Been around Mobridge a while?

Tom Aman of Aberdeen came across this old photo of Mobridge businessmen and gave it to Publisher Larry Atkinson to post at the Tribune to see if any-

one can identify any of them. Some we recognize; some we don't. How about you?

Mother's Day Shopping Spree

Congrats to our Winner...
Dennise Hoffman



Winner of a \$15 Gift Certificate From Each Participating Business!

Dennise Hoffman of Mobridge receives her gift certificate from Rosemary Stutley of the Mobridge Tribune

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- Peggy's, Your Unique Place • Runnings Farm & Fleet • Radio Shack • Stiles' Bottle Shop

Students help in Eagle Butte

It was a different type of spring break that was ahead for students from the University of Michigan who spent from April 29 to May 11, in Eagle Butte to work with the Cheyenne River Youth Project (CRYP) as part of the university's "Alternative Spring Break" pro-

gram. During their ASB week, the students lived at the Main, interacted daily with students from age 4 to 12 years old, who attend the youth center and worked on a variety of CRYP projects, from fundraising to facility and grounds maintenance.

One project of particular importance was preparing the youth project's two and a half acre garden for the upcoming growing season. Working alongside the Michigan students were many of the youngsters who regularly attend the Main, an important part of the Main's summer programming is the extremely popular Garden Club.

"Everyone put so much effort into the garden," said Julie Garreau, CRYP's executive director. "They planted a circular garden plot with the 'Three Sisters' - corn, beans and squash. The kids get really excited about that, and it's a thrill for them to plant the seeds, watch them grow and eventually participate in the harvest."

The group also painted a sign with the garden's new name, Winyan Toka Win, or "Leading Lady." In April, CRYP held an official blessing ceremony to rename the garden for its founder, Iyonne Garreau. Winyan Toka Win is her Lakota name.

The highlight of the week was College Night, held in the new teen center next door to the Main. On Wednesday, May 2, Cheyenne River schoolchildren and their families were able to hear about college life at the University of Michigan, ask questions and pick up information to take home. Special guest speakers from the Cheyenne River community included Marcella LeBeau, Guhrle Ducheneaux and Jennifer Schoelerman.

This was the fourth of CRYP's five scheduled College Night events for the 2007 ASB season.

CRYP will welcome its final ASB group, from Yale University, during the week of May 21 through May 29. The Yale College Night event is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23.

"We value these college groups, and all of our volunteers, more than words can adequately express," Garreau said. "Volunteers bring new energy and creativity into our project, and they expose our children to the great diversity the world has to offer."

To learn more about the Cheyenne River Youth Project and its programs, and for information about volunteering, please call (605) 964-8200 or visit www.lkoyouth.org.

--Story courtesy of Julie Garreau of the CRYP

Your Telephone Service is Your Lifeline

Did you know that discounts on basic telephone service are available to low-income consumers?



If you can't afford telephone service, you may be eligible for discounts through the Lifeline & Link Up assistance programs. Lifeline can help pay part of your monthly phone bill, while Link Up can assist with telephone installation and set-up costs. To see if you qualify, call WRT and ask about Lifeline & Link Up.

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WRT MONTHLY SERVICE & CHARGES		RATE
Single Party Residence Service		\$16.45
Single Party Business Service, Key systems, PBX lines		\$19.45
411 Directory Assistance Service (per call)		80¢
Touch Tone Service	Available at No Extra Charge	
Single-Party Service	Available at No Extra Charge	
900 Blocking & Caller ID Blocking	Available at No Extra Charge	
LOW-INCOME PROGRAMS		RATE
Lifeline & Tribal Reservation Lifeline	Monthly Discounts from -\$8.25 & -\$21.95 (Toll Blocking Available at No Extra Charge for low-income customers that qualify)	
Linkup Discount on Initial Hookup/Service Connect Fee		-\$15.00
Federal Subscriber Line Charge		
<i>Residential & Single Line Business</i>		\$6.50
Federal Subscriber Line Charge		
<i>Multi Line Business</i>		\$9.20
Federal Universal Service Charge		
<i>Residential & Single Line Business</i>		66¢
Federal Universal Service Charge		
<i>Multi Line Business</i>		94¢
Telecommunications Relay Service (ND)		4¢
Communications Impaired Fund (SD)		15¢
Emergency 911 Services	per local government assessments	

LIFELINE, LINKUP & SCHOOL LUNCH

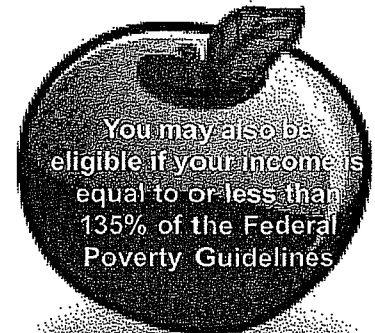
Do you participate in the National School Lunch Free Lunch Program or one of the other programs listed below? If so, you may also qualify for Reduced Local Telephone Rates.

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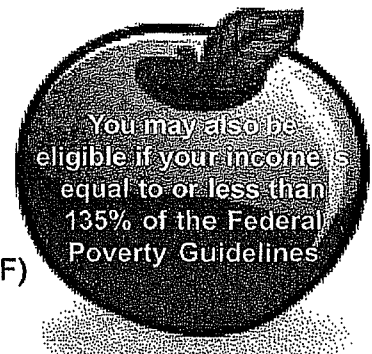
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For more information call WRT @ 748-2211

Telephone Assistance Available

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