

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
LIFELINE/LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH
ANNUAL REPORT
JUNE 1, 2009**

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Lifeline/Link Up Advertising/Outreach Activities:

X Advertise in media of general distribution.* (See attached advertisement(s).)

X Letter to existing and new customers regarding the availability of Lifeline/Link Up.* (See attached letter.)

X Company's Lifeline/Link Up information in directory.

X Company's Lifeline/Link Up information available on Company website. (www.companywebsiteaddress.com)

X Company's information posted on USAC website.

 Other (describe): _____

*Required

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In Touch

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Venture Vision Video Assurance

With more and more of our Venture Communications subscribers now able to receive Venture Vision, we thought it was important to review the benefits of adding Video Assurance.

Keep in mind that the residential set top boxes and Gateways are and will remain the property of Venture. Once the equipment is installed on your premises, the customer will not alter, tamper with or remove the equipment and will exercise reasonable care to prevent damage or loss of the equipment. Upon termination of the video service, the equipment must be returned to Venture within 72 hours to avoid being billed for the equipment.

Lost or damaged remotes can be purchased from Venture. They can be replaced within 30 days of installation if there is a defect but if they show abuse, the customer will need to pay the replacement costs.

We suggest our customers add the video assurance option for \$1.50 per month. Video assurance covers the following:

- remote replacement
- reprogramming of remote to new TV's
- TV and VCR wiring and recording issues that relate to the Venture Vision Video services.

Customers who do not subscribe to the monthly video assurance plan may be subject to a \$30.00 charge per service visit.

Anyone interested in adding this feature to your line may call the office at 1-800-824-7282.

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Lifeline-Link-up Program Offers Savings Find Out How YOU Can Benefit

With the current economic conditions causing challenges for many of us on a monthly basis, we want to remind you of the financial benefit that is offered through the Lifeline Link-Up Program.

Venture Communications is proud to have helped many customers this past year thru the Federal Communications Commission's Lifeline & Link-Up Program, providing discounted installation and monthly telephone service to qualifying consumers.

Lifeline Program

You may be eligible for the Lifeline Program and its \$8.25 monthly savings if you're a participant in at least one of the following programs:

- * Medicaid
- * Food Stamps
- * Federal Public Housing Assistance
- * Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
- * Low-Income Home Energy Assistance
- * Supplemental Security Income
- * National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program

Enhanced Lifeline Program

The Enhanced Lifeline Program provides telephone service to anyone who lives on tribal lands. It expands the eligibility requirements listed under the Lifeline Program to also include participation in:

- * Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance Programs
- * Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- * Tribal Head Start
- * Tribal National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program

In addition, you may be eligible for the monthly savings if your household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines. Qualifying income levels for the year 2008 range from \$14,040 for a single person household to \$48,060 for a family of eight.

Link-Up Program

Another Federal Program, Link-Up, provides for financial assistance with connection charges for new customers. This can provide a discount of 50% on your telephone connection charges.

If you meet the eligibility requirements, you can obtain an application from our main office in Highmore, the office in Sisseton or online at www.venturecomm.net. When you no longer participate in any of the qualifying public assistance programs, you are no longer eligible for Lifeline or Link-Up. You are obligated by law to notify Venture Communications when you are no longer eligible. If you have any questions about Lifeline or Link-Up, please contact us at 1-800-824-7282 for more information.

Statement of Non-Discrimination

Venture Communications Cooperative, Inc. is the recipient of federal financial assistance from the Rural Utilities Services, an agency of the U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which provide that no person in the United States, on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, or handicap, shall be excluded from participation in, admission, or access to, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to, discrimination under any of Venture's programs or activities.

The person responsible for coordinating Venture's nondiscrimination compliance efforts is Randy Houdek, General Manager. Any individual or specific class of individuals, who feels that Venture Communications has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above and/or file a written complaint with Venture Communications, or the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250; or the Administration, Rural Utilities Services, Washington, D.C. 20250. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

TV Broadcast Fee Added

Historically broadcast stations such as ABC, NBC, CBS and Fox have offered their signals for free to be rebroadcast on cable TV systems. The Federal Government required the networks to convert to a digital delivery system by February of 2009. Some of the broadcast stations have taken advantage of the opportunity to charge to retransmit their digital signal over the cable systems.

Unfortunately, the broadcast stations, and one in particular, has taken advantage of the situation. They have instituted a rate that we feel is, to a large degree, unreasonable. With the way the laws are written, Venture Communications has no leverage due to the fact that we are required to provide to our customers the Sioux Falls affiliates for all of the broadcast stations.

After negotiating with the various network stations, agreements have been finalized. We negotiated to reach the best scenarios to accommodate our customers, but, now we must recover the costs of the additional fees being charged to our video product. A \$1.03 TV Broadcast Fee will be added to each Venture Vision customer's bill this month and subsequent months.



Winter is in full swing and along with winter comes the ever-dreaded traveling worries. Before you travel, remember to call 511. This toll-free

number, provided by the South Dakota Department of Transportation and the South Dakota Highway Patrol, offers up-to-the-minute information about weather and road conditions throughout the state.

By dialing 511, land-based phone users as well as cellular customers can receive location-specific road and weather information on any Interstate, US or state highway in South Dakota, North Dakota and Minnesota.

Travelers should not confuse 511 with 911, the nationwide emergency response number. 911 should be called for any situation requiring police, fire department, ambulance or other emergency services. 911 is manned by trained public safety dispatchers throughout the state of South Dakota. Enjoy winter but always leave home prepared!

Britton		Hoven		Seneca	
Hill Lanny J	448-5663	Tuchscherer Bertha	948-2166	Senn D	436-6270
LaBatte Leonard	448-5265	Yat Virginia	948-2334		
Marquette Mike & Danaee	448-2267			Sisseton	
		Onida		Adams Joey	698-3683
Faulton		Heien Jason	258-2630	Adams Kenneth	742-0175
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Lowinske Dale & Kelly	598-6648	Kolb Craig	325-3209	Eagleman Alicia	742-0401
				Horne Cecily	742-0119
Gettysburg		Roscoe		Howell Adrienne	698-3750
Gettysburg Livestock Commission		Odland Win	287-4726	Johnson Rise'	698-3016
Company	765-2564			Renville Rochelle	742-0446
Kludt Gayle	765-2194	Rosholt		Wanna Keith	698-3698
Tepnant Lyle	765-2538	Hoen Tina	537-4732		
Thomas Ryan	765-2386	Siegel Darlene	537-4334	Tulare	
		Tri-State Shooters Club Inc	537-4346	Ihnen Nathan	596-4135
Grenville		Roslyn		Wessington Springs	
Vlastnik Velma	486-4173	Peterson Marvid	486-0049	Cashman J Roger	539-1101
Harrold		Selby			
Struss Donald W	875-3387	Duenwald Jon & Casey	649-1205		
		Ritter Esther	649-1065		
Highmore		Stroh Ed & Malinda	649-1997		
Bauer Alvina	852-2213	Wallace Jeff (Pastor) & Renata	649-1039		
Turnquist Trent	852-3122				

Scholarships Available to High School Seniors

Venture Communications is pleased to announce scholarship opportunities for the year 2009 have been mailed to local schools throughout the state. Venture Communications awards 12 Citizenship and Community Service Scholarships in the amount of \$500 each to students whose parent or legal guardian resides in and is an active telephone subscriber within a Venture Communications Cooperative telephone exchange. The scholarships will be awarded based upon citizenship, community service, academics and school involvement.

Also available is the scholarship opportunity through the Foundation for Rural Service in conjunction with Venture Communications. The FRS awards national scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 with an additional \$500 contributed by Venture Communications, if a recipient is chosen from one of our exchanges. Preference is given to those expressing an interest in returning to work in a rural area after graduation. All applicants must have a parent or legal guardian as an active member of Venture Communications Cooperative.

Applications and information for these scholarships are available from local high school counselors or by contacting Venture Communications at P.O. Box 157, Highmore, S.D. 57345 or by calling us at 1-800-824-7282.

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Lifeline—Link-Up is a federally funded program created to provide every customer the opportunity to have affordable telephone service.

You may be able to save \$8.25 EVERY month if you're enrolled in one of the following:

- Food Stamps
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program
- National School Lunch free lunch program

Individuals who live on a federally recognized reservation or trust land may qualify for a discount of \$14.75 EVERY month if they receive assistance from one of the following:

- Food Stamps
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program
- National School Lunch free lunch program
- Bureau of Indian Affairs general assistance program
- Tribally or State Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Head Start (meeting income qualifying standards)
- Household of 4 living on tribal/trust land w/combined income of \$27,000

Call Venture Communications

1-800-824-7282

Visit with a local, reliable person to get signed up today.

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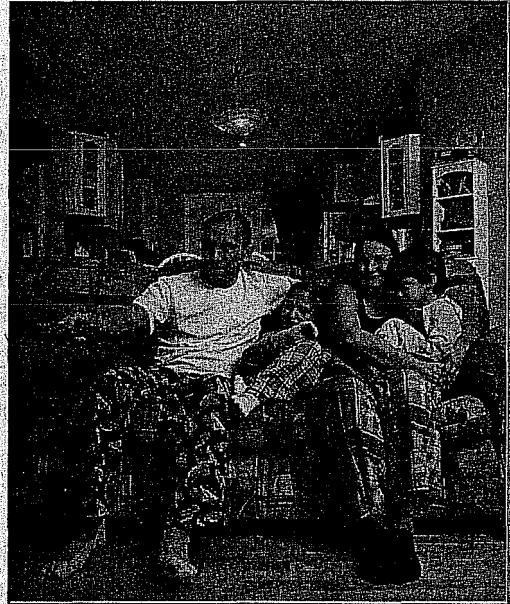
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Cable TV Areas Served

- ◆ Blunt, Britton, Cresbard, Eden, Faulkton, Gettysburg, Harrold, Highmore, Hitchcock, Hoven, Langford, Onaka, Onida, Pierpont, Ree Heights, Rosholt, Seneca, Sisseton, Tolstoy, Tulare, Wessington, Wessington Springs

Channel Listings Include (Channels Vary by Service Area)

- ◆ All major networks (ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX and Public Broadcasting)
- ◆ ESPN, USA, Disney, CNN, Nickelodeon, American Movie Classics, The Weather Channel, TNN, Discovery, WGN (Chicago) and much more
- ◆ Premium Channels Available (optional for an additional fee)
- ◆ Go to www.venturecomm.net for a complete channel lineup.



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- ◆ Local Channel available in most areas.
 - 1) provides local weather information.
 - 2) provides community service advertisements free of charge.
 - 3) other messages or advertisements may be placed on the local channel for a small fee.
- ◆ One Bill – Cable TV charges are included in your monthly telephone bill, leaving you only one bill to pay.

Lifeline/Linkup and Enhanced Lifeline/Linkup Discounts

Venture Communications offers a program to its low-income subscribers that results in a rate reduction on installation and monthly services. Subscribers who participate in any of the following programs also qualify for participation in our Lifeline/Linkup programs:

- 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

In addition, a subscriber may qualify for this program if their household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Participation in any of the above programs as well as some tribal assistance programs will qualify a subscriber living on tribal lands for the Enhanced Lifeline program.

For additional information and applications forms, please contact our office at 800-824-7282.

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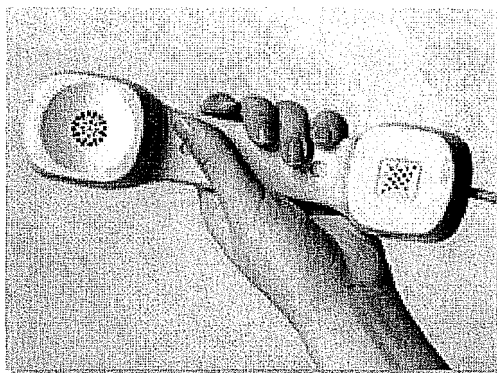
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Telephone Assistance Programs

LINKUP AND LIFELINE

Government assistance programs are available that offer qualified consumers discounts on activation fees, installation and monthly telephone billing. Contact Venture Communications

today at 1-800-824-7282 for further information regarding these programs. To sign up, click on the appropriate link below, fill out the application online, print and mail to the address on the form.



[Lifeline/Linkup Application](#)

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Lifeline and/or Link-Up Assistance Application

Name (Please Print): _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Apt. No.

City State Zip Code

Social Security Number: _____

Telephone Number (if you have existing service): _____

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. Also, residential customers may only receive lifeline support for one telephone line (if you receive lifeline support on a wireless line, you may not also receive it for a land line phone and vice versa).

2. I am currently receiving assistance benefits from at least one of the following programs (*check all that apply and provide documentation showing participation in at least one of the programs checked*):

- 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 (*copy of a current tax return, a Social Security Statement of Benefits, or three consecutive months of pay stubs must also be submitted*)

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

I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE. I have read the information on this application and understand that I must meet at least one of the qualifications to receive Lifeline/Link-Up assistance on my primary residential line. I certify that I am not receiving lifeline support on any other residential line.

Signature

Date

Send the completed application to: Venture Communications Cooperative
PO Box 157
Highmore, SD 57345

**SELF-CERTIFICATION FOR LIFELINE/LINK-UP APPLICANTS
QUALIFYING UNDER INCOME-BASED CRITERION**

I, _____, certify under penalty of perjury that I qualify for Lifeline/Linkup assistance based on my household income that is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. I further certify under penalty of perjury that there are _____ members in my household and that the supporting income documentation presented to my telecommunications provider accurately represents the annual income of all members of my household.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Lifeline and/or Link-Up Assistance Application for Eligible Residents Living on Tribal Lands

(Please Print)

Name: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Apt. No.
_____ City State Zip Code

Social Security Number: _____

Telephone Number (if you have existing service): _____
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. Also, residential customers may only receive lifeline support for one telephone line (if you receive lifeline support on a wireless line, you may not also receive it for a land line phone and vice versa).

2. I am an individual living on "tribal land."
"An eligible resident of Tribal lands" for purposes of the Lifeline and Link-Up 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 reservations which have been designated by the Federal Commission of Indian Affairs (within the Department of the 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 and **provide documentation of participation in at least one of the programs checked**):

- _____ 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
- _____ Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) general assistance program
- _____ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program (State or Tribally Administered)
- _____ National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch program
- _____ Head Start (meeting income qualifying standards)

4. Or,

_____ My household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (*copy of a current tax return, a Social Security Statement of Benefits, or three consecutive months of pay stubs must also be submitted*)

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

I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE. I have read the information on this application and understand that I must meet at least one of the qualifications to receive Lifeline/Link-Up assistance on my primary residential line. I certify that I am not receiving lifeline support on any other residential line.

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Signature: _____

Date: _____

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David Clausen	Potter County News	Potter County News	(605) 765-2464	(605) 765-2465
Mary Ann Morford	Highmore Herald	Highmore Herald	(605) 852-2927	(605) 852-2927
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This press release
 is inserted into all
 newspapers as noted
 annually in July.

Low Income Assistance Available to Telephone Subscribers

In response to concerns about the affordability of telephone service for low-income citizens, Venture Communications is authorized to offer Lifeline and Link-up to our customers. Lifeline and Link-up are federal telephone assistance programs. To be eligible for either of these programs, the applicant must participate in at least one of the following public assistance programs: food stamps, federal public housing assistance, low-income home energy assistance, Medicaid, or supplemental security income (SSI).

To be eligible for the Enhanced Lifeline or the Enhanced Link-up programs, the applicant must live on tribal land and participate in at least one of the following public assistance programs: food stamps, federal public housing assistance, Head Start (meeting income qualifying standards), low-income home energy assistance, Medicaid, national school lunch program's FREE lunch program, supplemental security income (SSI), tribally administered temporary assistance for needy families or Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) general assistance program.

Lifeline provides eligible subscribers with a credit of \$8.25 each month on the basic service portion of their telephone bill. The discount applies on the main home telephone line listed in the name of the eligible telephone company subscriber. Lifeline subscribers may also receive blocking of long distance calls on their telephone line at no charge. Link-Up provides eligible subscribers with reduced installation charges for their basic home telephone service. The reduction is 50% of the applicable charges or \$30, whichever is less. It does not cover the cost of wiring inside your home and is limited to one time per home address per subscriber. Enhanced Lifeline provides subscribers expanded eligibility opportunities and additional telephone service discounts. They may also receive long distance blocking on their telephone at no charge. Eligible subscribers for Enhanced Lifeline must live on Tribal Land. Enhanced Link-Up provides eligible subscribers with a reduction up to \$100 of charges for installation for basic home telephone service.

If you meet the eligibility requirements, you can obtain an application from our main office in Highmore or the office in Sisseton and return it to either location. You may also print off an application from our website at www.venturecomm.net. When you no longer participate in any of the qualifying public assistance programs, you are no longer eligible for Lifeline or Link-Up. You are obligated by law to notify Venture Communications and advise us of your ineligibility. If you have any questions about Lifeline or Link-Up, please contact us at 1-800-824-7282 for more information.

Lifeline & Link-Up Documentation

Date	Medium	Explanation
6/1/2004	Venture Newsletter	Ran extended article on ft. page
6/23/2004	Rod met with Tribal Chairman	Discussed ways to get the prgm. info out to the tribal consumers. Katy will meet with prgm. Mgrs. At the tribe and set up an open house. JC will include in his SOTA story.
6/30/2004	Katy met with Lisa LaBelle, Planning Manager	Will meet again after July 4th.
7/9/2004	Katy visited with Lisa, planning Mgr.	Will line up tribal comm. Ctr. For open hs. \$50 , plus \$50 deposit
7/12/2004	Met with Richard Keeble, prgm. Mgr. for TANF	discussed details of Lifeline prgm left blank forms for TANF customers
7/12/2004	Met with David Thompson, prgm. Mgr. for commodity prgm.	discussed detail of the prgm. & left blank forms for commodity customers
7/19/2004	scheduled meeting with the 7 districts	Veblen District Marcia LaCroix July 29 6pm Ended up mailing the forms, couldn't attend their mtg.
7/19/2004	Schedule open house	Old Agency District Yvonne July 26 6pm This was rescheduled due to funeral
7/19/2004	Visited with Enemy Swim District	They are in ITC's territory but explained the prgm. & mailed her some info.
7/21/2004	Spoke with Devola Bird	Long Hollow District Sun, Aug 1st Mailed her an envelope of forms & information on the prgm.
7/22/2004	Spoke to a rep at the Lake Traverse district center	Their mtg. in tonight & I already have a mtg. Met with them this afternoon & dropped off forms & they'll cover at tonight's mtg.
7/23/2004	SWST Headstart Personal visit	Visited with Sherilyn Marks with details & dropped off forms
7/23/2004	SWST Credit Union Personal Visit	Visited with the couple gals that were working & explained details & left forms.

7/23/2004	SW Housing Authority Personal Visit	Visited with Ron Jones, prgm. Mgr. Explained prgm & left forms
7/23/2004	Hung posters for open house throughout Agency Village	
7/23/2004	Spoke to Alan Johnson, District Chairman for Buffalo Lake District	Mailed him info & forms for his district mtg.
7/29/2004	Open House at SW Comm. Ctr. 2-4	Cancelled due to funeral
8/5/2004	Open House at SW Comm. Ctr. 2-4	14 people showed up & all of them signed up.
8/5/2004	Stopped at the Tax Office & visited with Dawn Seaboy Block	She is not the prgm. Mgr. but is on a mission to get tribal members on this prgm. She was quite short with me & said this is her prgm. & she told the tribal council she is promoting this & wondered why I was. I explained it is part of my job responsibility & I was glad we are both working toward the same goal for the tribal people. She was much nicer as we visited. I left some forms with her & said we'd keep in touch.
Sept&Oct 2004	Numerous customers stopping into the office inquiring about the prgm.	
Nov & Dec 2004	Many customers inquiring & filling out apps for the Lifeline prgm. At the Sisseton office.	
2/1/2005	1/4 pg. ad in SOTA	details of Lifeline prgm. Will run every other month throughout 2005
3/1/2005	1/4 pg. ad in Sisseton Courier	will run Mar/May/July/Sept/Nov
4/12/2005	Lifeline verification forms	contacted Dawn at the SWO Tax office to let her know we mailed letters to all participants. Faxed her a copy of the letter in case she had anyone asking.
4/1/2005	1/4 pg. ad in the SOTA	lifeline program.
4/8/2005	Lifeline verification letters were sent to all participants. Deadline: 6-8-05.	Customers need to provide proof of qualifying for one of the programs to retain the Lifeline discount as per the Federal Govt.

5/3/2005	1/4 pg. ad in Sisseton Courier	Lifeline program
6/1/2005	1/4 pg. ad in The SOTA	Lifeline program
7/6/2005	1/4 pg. ad in Thw SOTA	Lifeline program
7/5/2005	1/4 pg. ad in Sisseton Courier	Lifeline program
7/26/2005	visited with Dawn at SW Tax Office	Gave her updates on Lifeline link-up participants as per Pam tribal: (698) 122 non tribal: (698) 117 tribal (742) 77 non tribal (742) 48 Total: 364 from 7-12-05 billing Faxed her updated apps and will make copies & distribute to all tribal prgms. As I did before.
8/1/05 to 8/5/05	Made Lifeline folders with new apps, current newspaper ad & business card to the following programs:	SW Federal Credit Union SW Headstart, SW Housing, SW Commodity Prgm, Tax Office, SW TANF Prgm.
8/10/2005	1/4 pg. ad in The SOTA	Lifeline program
9/6/2005	1/4 pg. ad in Sisseton Courier	lifeline program
4/3/2006	1/4 pg. ad in the SOTA	Lifeline program
4/3/2006	1/4 pg. ad in Sisseton Courier	Lifeline program
5/2/2006	1/4 pg. ad in SOTA	Lifeline program
6/6/2006	1/4 pg. ad in Sisseton Courier	Lifeline program
7/4/2006	1/4 pg. ad in SOTA	Lifeline program
8/1/2006	1/4 pg. ad in Sisseton Courier	Lifeline program
9/5/2006	1/4 pg. ad in SOTA	Lifeline program
10/3/2006	1/4 pg. ad in Sisseton Courier	Lifeline program
10/13/2006	Distributed Lifeline folders with tribal and non-tribal applications, current newspaper ad & business card to the following programs:	SW Housing, SW Headstart, SW Credit Union, SW TANF Prgm SW Elderly Prgm & Tax Office
10/13/2006	Hung up Lifeline posters at high traffic areas at Agency Village.	
1/10/2007	1/4 ad in SOTA	Lifeline program
2/6/2008	1/4 ad in Sisseton Courier	Lifeline program
2/7/2008	1/4 ad in the SOTA	Lifeline program
3/7/2007	1/4 ad in SOTA	Lifeline program
4/3/2007	1/4 ad in Sisseton Courier	Lifeline program
4/11/2007	1/4 ad in SOTA	Lifeline program
5/2/2007	1/4 ad in SOTA	Lifeline program
6/1/2007	1/4 ad in SOTA	Lifeline program

	6/5/2007	1/4 ad in Sisseton Courier	Lifeline program
	7/4/2007	1/4 ad in SOTA	Lifeline program
	8/1/2007	1/4 ad in SOTA	Lifeline program
	8/14/2007	1/4 ad in Sisseton Courier	Lifeline program
	9/5/2007	1/4 ad in SOTA	Lifeline program
	10/2/2007	1/4 ad in Sisseton Courier	Lifeline program
	10/3/2007	1/4 ad in SOTA	Lifeline program
	12/4/2007	1/4 ad in Sisseton Courier	Lifeline program
	12/5/2007	1/4 ad in SOTA	Lifeline program
Spring 2007		Delivered a fresh supply of Lifeline applications to 6 of the tribal programs	SW Credit Union, SW Headstart SW Commodity Prgm., SW Housing, SW TANF Prgm, Elderly Prgm and SW Tax Office.
	Feb-07	Inserted Lifeline-Link-Up article in the Venture newsletter	
	Feb-08	Inserted Lifeline-Link-Up article on the front pg. of the newsletter	
May 2008		Delivered updated Lifeline apps with the verification to all 6 of the above mentioned tribal programs.	Credit Union, Headstart, Commodity, Housing, Elderly, Tax Office & TANF.
	4/1/2008	1/4 pg. ad in Sisseton Courier	
	7/1/2008	1/4 pg. ad in Sisseton Courier	
	7/10/2008	Sent Lifeline press release to all Venture exchange newspapers	
	7/9/2008	1/4 pg. ad in SOTA	
	8/5/2008	1/4 pg. ad in Sisseton Courier	
	9/3/2008	1/4 pg. ad in SOTA	
	10/7/2008	1/4 pg. ad in Sisseton Courier	
	10/8/2008	1/4 pg. ad in SOTA	
	12/2/2008	1/4 pg. ad in Sisseton Courier	
	12/3/2008	1/4 pg. ad in SOTA	
	1/7/2009	1/4 pg. ad in SOTA	
	Jan-09	inserted Lifeline-Linkup article on Pg 2 of the newsletter	

2/3/2009 1/4 pg ad in Sisseton Courier

3/4/2009 1/4 pg. ad in SOTA

4/1/2009 1/4 pg. ad in SOTA

4/7/2009 1/4 pg. ad in Sisseton Courier

1-May distribute new applications to the tribal programs

SW Credit Union, SW Headstart
SW Commodity Prgm., SW Housing,
SW TANF Prgm, Elderly Prgm and
SW Tax Office.

May 2009 Replace any old Lifeline posters that we received thru FRS

**Yes, You Can Afford
Telephone Service...
And Your Community
Based Telecom Provider
Can Show You How.**

**SÍ, puede acceder al
servicio telefónico...**

**Y su proveedor de
telecomunicaciones
de su comunidad
puede mostrarle cómo.**

Los legisladores federales y estatales consideran que toda persona en los Estados Unidos debería tener acceso a un servicio de telecomunicaciones de calidad, a un precio accesible. De hecho, han creado un sistema para lograrlo.

Si participa en programas, como cupones para alimentos, Medicaid, el programa nacional de almuerzos escolares gratuitos, el ingreso de seguridad suplementario o para vivienda en virtud de la Sección 8, o si su ingreso familiar está por debajo de un determinado umbral, es posible que reúna los requisitos para obtener un descuento en su factura telefónica.

Esta ayuda de “servicio universal” incluye:

- **Asistencia Lifeline:** proporciona descuentos mensuales en el servicio telefónico local
- **Programa Link Up:** reduce el costo de iniciar un nuevo servicio telefónico
- **Servicio de tarifa limitada:** le permite controlar los cargos de llamadas de larga distancia
- **También hay descuentos adicionales** disponibles para los consumidores elegibles que vivan en territorios tribales.

Para obtener más información o averiguar si es elegible para recibir un descuento, comuníquese con su proveedor de telecomunicaciones local de su comunidad.

Federal and state lawmakers believe that every person in America should have access to quality, affordable telecommunications service. In fact, they've created a system to do just that.

If you participate in programs, such as food stamps, Medicaid, the national school free-lunch program, Section 8 housing or supplemental security income, or if your household income is below a certain threshold level, you may qualify for a discount on your telephone bill.

This “universal service” support includes:

- **Lifeline** assistance that provides discounts for basic monthly local telephone service
- **Link Up** that reduces the cost of initiating new telephone service
- **Toll Limitation Service** that allows you to control your long-distance charges
- **Additional discounts** for eligible consumers living on tribal lands

For more information, or to find out if you're eligible to receive a discount, contact your local community based telecom provider.

For more information

Call 1-800-824-7282