



Edina Resource Center

Your connection to community information and resources.

April 2025

Newsletter Highlights:

- **Housing Choice Voucher Lottery for METRO HRA opens April 6-April 16.** first time since 2022
- **Youth Mental Health First Aid Training-** supports adults working with youth
- **Community Clothing Swap** Parenting with Less Conflict, Feb 4
- **Resources:** Free Tax-Prep Clinics, Food Support, Energy Assistance, Climate Action Fund
- **Summer Youth Activities 2025**
- **School Year 2025-26 -KIDS Club Registration, Screening**
- **Community Events**

If you would like to discuss other resources for your situation or if you have a resource to share, please connect with us at 952-848-3936 or email krista.phillips@edinaschools.org.

Opportunities

Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8)

Metro HRA is opening the lottery to join the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) waitlist for the first time since June 2022. [Waitlist applications will be available April 9-16, 2025.](#)

Applications will be entered in lottery for random selection to our housing choice voucher waitlist. Metro HRA will conduct the waitlist lottery on May 1, 2025. You do not need to live in the Metro

HRA service area to enter the lottery for selection to the waitlist. The Metro HRA service area includes EDINA.

Learn More: <https://metro council.org/Housing/Services/Metro-HRA-Rental-Assistance.aspx>

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training for Adults

Attention: Youth Workers, Coaches, Mentors and Adults working with youth

Learn how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance abuse challenges among children and adolescents. This course will give you the tools and resources to better

address the growing needs of youth. Multiple sessions available in April, May & June

[Learn More](#)



Beacons YMHA Training .pdf

Coaches, Youth Workers, Adults working with Youth are Invited: Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

[Download](#)

467.3 KB

ANNUAL COMMUNITY CLOTHING SWAP

Thursday, April 24

4:00 PM- 7:00 PM

Braemer Arena- Backyard Rink,
7501 Ikola Way, Edina

Clothing swap is open to everyone, including nonresidents and families. Participants are encouraged to bring clothing to swap with other people (April 22 & 23), but no clothing or monetary donation is required to join in and everything is free to take home.



Donation Drop-off

April 22 & 23; 9 AM-3 PM

Braemer Arena- Backyard Rink

Clothing donations for all ages are accepted, including Halloween costumes (human and pet), used running shoes.

Volunteers are needed for the event. Register by April 4: <https://bit.ly/2025swapvolunteer>

COMMUTER SERVICES

I-494 Construction Projects Updates

Tuesday, April 15

11:30 AM- 12:30 PM

[Webinar Registration](#)

What to expect with the I-494 Edina, Bloomington, Richfield project from Hwy. 77/Cedar Avenue to Hwy. 169, and he'll give an update on what to expect with the I-494: Bridge over Minnesota River project, from 34th Avenue in Bloomington to Pilot Knob Road in Eagan.



Principles of Bike Safety

Friday, May 9

11:30AM Webinar

[Register](#)

Principles of Bike Safety will help you and your family have a successful – and safe – biking season. Learn how to choose the right equipment and fit, how to understand lane positioning, how to ride at night, and more



Early Childhood Expo

Saturday, April 26

11 AM - 2 PM

Bloomington Civic Plaza

1800 West Old Shakopee Road

Free, fun and resources packed event with breakout session, baby gear swap and performance by Tricia and the Toonies. [Learn More](#)



2025 Early Childhood Expo

Saturday, April 25 11 AM - 2 PM

[Download](#)

2.5 MB

Growing Up! Workshop for Caregivers and Kiddos (ages 9-12)

Saturday, May 17

9 AM - 12 PM

Presented by myHealth for Teens and Young Adults

[Learn More & Register](#)



Climate Action Fund Applications

Edina Residents: Submit applications for reimbursements or cost-shares for sustainable home projects and equipment such as insulation, heat pumps, water heaters, solar systems, induction stoves, e-bikes and outdoor electric equipment. Businesses and multi-unit owners are also eligible. [Learn More](#)

Resources

Refugee and Immigrant Helpline

1-800-814-4806

Helpline navigators value callers' privacy and provide guidance people can trust. Navigators can help:

- Connect people with resources and information about jobs, food, health, housing, legal help, English classes and more.
- Provide referrals to [Resettlement Network Services](#).
- Answer any question on a caller's mind—or help figure out where to start.

Navigators are ready to answer questions in * English *Russian *Spanish *Ukrainian

Interpreters who speak more languages are also available. Callers can say their preferred language, and the navigator will connect an interpreter to the call.



Immigrant Resources

[Immigrant Legal Resource Center](#) has created a number of tools and resources to help families plan for possible interactions with immigration. These resources are available in multiple languages and include: **Red Cards on Your Rights**; <https://www.ilrc.org/red-cards-tarjetas-rojas>
Educational Videos on Your Rights; <https://www.wehaverights.us/spanish>

[Law Help MN](#) has information on **Delegation of Parental Authority**, to assist families if they are unable to return home or remain together. [Learn More](#)

[When children are afraid of parent's deportation](#)-- This pamphlet contains concrete steps to support children's sense of safety, positive identity, and healthy relationships during an uncertain time. It can be useful to any adult who is involved in caring for infants, children, and adolescents. Available in English, Spanish, Korean

TAXES DUE APRIL 15

PREPARE + PROSPER

Appointment Scheduling now open:

<https://prepareandprosper.org/>

free tax prep assistance:

Individuals: \$40,000 or less

Families: \$70,000 or less

Do It Yourself: \$85,000 or less

New in 2025: Renters Credit filing is now part of state funds

PREPARE
PROSPER +

Energy Assistance

Applications for Energy Assistance are now available. Renters and home owners who are needing assistance paying their energy bills (gas, electric) can complete an application between October 1, 2024 and May 31, 2025. Eligible applicants may receive a grant paid directly to their utility provider to reduce utility expenses. Applications are available in multiple languages and formats including: [online](#), paper, and by mail. [Learn More](#)



Community Action
Partnership of Hennepin County

FOOD RESOURCES



FARE FOR ALL

Fare For All is open to everyone. They offer meat packs or \$25 for \$11 (no pork) and produce pack (\$10). For a local pick-up location, date & time check out the [Fare For All Schedule](#).

Bloomington: April 18/May 16

Richfield: Apr 22/May 20/June 24/July 29

St Louis Park: Apr 16/May 14/June 18/July 23



LOAVES & FISHES

Free Community Meals. Some locations offer To Go and other sites offer Dining In options. No registration needed. Open to all [Locations and hours](#). Nearby locations:

- Christ the King Lutheran Church, Mon-Fri 5:00-6:00pm To Go/In-Person
- Hope Presbyterian Church, Mon-Fri 5:00-6:00pm To Go
- Woodlake Lutheran Church, Sat/Sun 5:30-6:30pm To Go



VEAP Food Pantry

Everyone welcome, No income requirements. Visitors are welcome twice a month. Call **952-888-9616** for an appointment

VEAP's Mobile Pantry is open to all. Fridays: 12-2pm, Dar Al Farooq, 8201 Park Avenue South, Bloomington.

Saturdays: 1-3pm St Nicks 7227 Penn Ave S, Richfield

*VEAP's Social Services Team may be able to assist with rent, security deposit or utility bill.

Summer EBT is now SUN BUCKS

SUN Bucks is an income-based food support program that provides families with \$120 per eligible school-aged child to buy groceries when school is out for the summer. Most eligible children are automatically enrolled. Auto-enrollment programs include: MFIP, SNAP, TANG, MA with income guidelines at or below 185% of poverty, Approved Educational Benefits for SY 2024-25.



If you will not be auto enrolled, complete the **2024-25 Educational Benefits Application** with your school district. You will be notified by your school district if you are eligible.

[Edina Schools](#) [Hopkins Schools](#) [Richfield Schools](#)

SUMMER 2025



Edina Community Ed Summer Registration now open. Choose from over 500 camps & classes for youth. Adult Registration opens on April 22 at 8 AM.

Scholarships:

- [Summer Go Time Scholarships](#) available for incoming K-12 ([Forma de Registro 2025](#))
- [Preschool Summer Scholarship](#)
- [KIDS Club Financial Assistance](#)



Edina Parks & Recreation Summer Registration now open. Choose from hundreds of summer offering for youth and adults. Scholarships available: [Connect Card](#)



SUMMER PROGRAMS

[Find all of the dates and registrations links for summer youth programs in one place](#)

- Athletic Associations in Edina (soccer, lacrosse, baseball, softball & more)
- Day Camps / Youth Programs
- All-Day Care Programs
- Overnight Camps/ Outdoor Day Camps
- Adaptive Sports/Inclusive Rec
- Scholarships - [Edina Give and Go](#), [Connect Card](#),

School Year 2025-26

Early Learning Center

[Registration](#) for 2025-26 Early Learning Center is now open

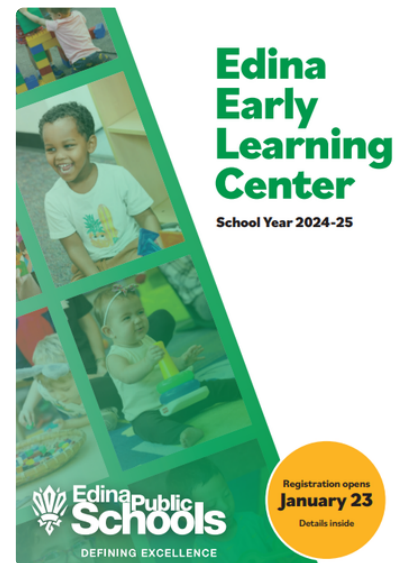
- Full-Day & Half Day Preschool (3 & 4 year old)
- Early Childhood Family Education* (ECFE) (ages 0-5)
- Parent Education

View a PDF of the [2025-26 Catalog](#)

[Financial Assistance](#)

Scholarships available for qualifying families participating in non-ECFE component classes.

*sliding scale fee tuition



KIDS Club 2025-26

2025-26 KIDS Club- before/after school care program contract request window is March 25, 8 AM to April 14, 11:59 PM. Contract requests will be accepted during this two-week window. If more contracts are requested than available at a specific site, a random computerized lottery will be held. [Learn More](#)

Early Childhood Screening

Do you have a child starting Kindergarten starting in the fall? All incoming Kindergartners are required by the State of Minnesota to have a screening before the start of Kindergarten. Screening is FREE and take about an hour. Screening is open to children starting at age 3. [Schedule](#) your appointment today. Screening early (age 3) can help provide your child early access to additional supports to prepare for Kindergarten. [Learn More](#)

Community Events



Galleria Floral Experience 2025

March 23 - April 6
Edina Galleria



50th & France Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19
10 AM -12 PM



Community Clothing Swap

Thursday, April 24
4:00 PM- 7:00 PM



Edina Give and Go Gala

Friday, April 25
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Pinstripes, Edina
[Register](#)



Vehicle Day

Saturday, May 3
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Southdale Center Parking Lot
Free for all



Edina Rides

Saturday, May 17
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Southdale YMCA
Gear up to ride and support educational non-profit organizations. \$10 Adults & Kids 12+; Kids under 12 free.
[Learn More & Register Here](#)

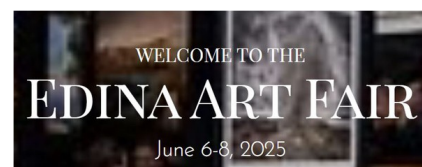


75th Anniversary Celebration for Senior Community Services

Thursday, May 15
5:30 PM - 9:30 PM
Medina Entertainment Center
5280 Grandview Square
[Register Here](#)

Edina Senior Center Health and Wellness Fair

Wednesday, May 21
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Edina Senior Center



Edina Art Fair

Friday, June 6
3:00 PM - 8:00PM

Saturday, June 7
10:00AM - 7:00 PM

Sunday, June 8
10:00AM - 5:00PM
[Learn More](#)

Common Resources

[Bloomington Public Health](#), 952-563-8900, WIC, immunizations
[City of Edina](#), 952-927-8861

[Edina Community Ed](#), 952-848-3952

[Edina Senior Center](#), 952-833-9570

[Family Response](#), 612-979-9511, *immediate in-person support & stabilization for families*

[Mental Health Crisis Services](#), *call or text 988, 24/7*

[Normandale Center for Healing](#), 952-929-1698, *caregiver support, education, resources*

[Senior Community Services](#), 952-541-1019 *caregiver support, household & outdoor maintenance,*

[VEAP](#), 952-888-9616, *food pantry, social services*

EdinaResourceCenter.com- NEW Website!



Edina Resource Center

EdinaResourceCenter.com

Your connection to community information, services and resources

Connect with us!

952-848-3936

contact@edinaresourcecenter.com

5701 Normandale Rd, Edina MN 55424