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## **BENEFIT APPLICATION COMPUTER NOW AVAILABLE AT EDWARDSVILLE TOWNSHIP**

***Residents may use computer to apply for DHS and IDES benefits.***

***Photo Caption: Edwardsville Township intern Tayleur Blaylock accesses the Illinois Department of Employment Security application on the Township's new benefit application computer.***

**Edwardsville, Illinois – April 12, 2016.** Edwardsville Township Supervisor Frank Miles today announced that a computer station is now available for residents to use to apply for benefits from the Illinois Department of Human Services and the Illinois Department of Employment Security. The computer station is located in the Township office at 300 W Park Street in Edwardsville.

“This computer station will give our clients the ability to apply for unemployment, food stamps, and other benefits they may be eligible for while they are seeking help from our assistance programs – General Assistance and Emergency Assistance,” said Supervisor Miles. “They often do not know these programs are available or do not have the resources available to visit these state offices.”

Edwardsville Township offers two assistance programs to residents, General Assistance and Emergency Assistance. These programs assist residents with little to no income with shelter, utilities, food, and personal items. Residents may also qualify for food stamps, Medicaid, or unemployment benefits.

“IDES has recently announced the closing of their Wood River office and applications for unemployment benefits will only be taken via their website. Our computer station will enable residents without internet access to apply for these benefits,” continued Supervisor Miles. “Recent IT improvements in our office resulted in surplus computer equipment. This is an excellent way to put this equipment to use.”

Residents may use the computer during the Township's business hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. A photo ID is required.

**Edwardsville Township is comprised of the City of Edwardsville, Village of Glen Carbon and unincorporated areas just outside of these two municipalities. The Township Supervisor's office is located at 300 West Park in Edwardsville and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday and Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.**

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