

Township Government in Action

Edwardsville Township Services Fact Sheet

Below you can find several services that are provided at Edwardsville Township for members of the District #7 community. For more information visit www.edwardsvilletownship.com.

1. General & Emergency Assistance

The Edwardsville Township General Assistance programs helps our neighbors who may need temporary financial help. General Assistance is a short-term financial safety net for individuals between jobs or during illness and can make monthly payments on behalf of eligible residents for items like housing, utilities, and food. Emergency Assistance is designed to help residents who are not eligible for GA that have urgent, life-threatening need. EA is a once-per-year payment on behalf of eligible residents to alleviate a life-threatening situation-a utility disconnect or eviction.

2. LIHEAP

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is designed to assist eligible low-income households pay for winter and summer energy services. LIHEAP will provide a one-time benefit to eligible households to be used for energy bills. The amount of the payment is determined by income, household size, and fuel type. An overdue bill or cut-off notice is not required in order to receive assistance.

Income Requirements: \$1,508 for a one (1) person household; \$2,030 for a two (2) person household; \$2,553 for a three (3) person household; \$3,075 for a four (4) person household; \$3,598 for a five (5) person household.

3. Benefit Access

The Benefit Access Program, formerly known as Circuit Breaker, provides a license plate discount and free transit cards to residents that are of low income and/or disabled. This program is designed to help out both elder and disabled members of our community.

4. SHIP

The Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) is a free counseling service for seniors who are having difficulties managing their Medicare insurance plans. Trained volunteers provide free individual counseling services at local sites throughout Illinois, Edwardsville Township happens to be one of them! SHIP Counselors can answer questions about Medicare, Medicare Supplement Insurance, Medicare Advantage Plans (HMOs, PPOs, PFFS), prescription drug coverage through Medicare and other sources such as extra help from social security for prescription drug costs, Long-term Care Insurance, Medicare Claims and Appeals, and Medicare Beneficiary Rights and Guarantees.

5. Social Services Safety Net

The Social Services Safety Net is a partnership between Edwardsville Township and the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Ministerial Alliance, which brings together area social service agencies, organizations, and churches that provide services to residents of Edwardsville Community School District #7. This partnership was designed to link together resources in an effort to catch residents that frequently fall through the cracks. The Social Service Safety Net hosts Lunch and Learn Workshops, which are lunch seminars designed for frontline to come together to learn about a certain topic each month. These workshops are held to educate organizations in our area to help better serve residents of our community.

6. Holiday Food Drives

Edwardsville Township creates holiday food baskets during Thanksgiving and Christmas for families in need. These food baskets provide enough food for a whole family to have a nice holiday meal with their family. Once the baskets are created, they are taken to schools throughout District 7 and then given to families who may be struggling during the holiday season.