



Hello Jennifer,

Welcome to the 46th edition of our 211 newsletter, where we share information on 211 services and benefits, funding updates, and opportunities for you to become an advocate for 211.



Celebrate the Third Anniversary of 211 Lake County!

United Way of Lake County is proud to celebrate the third anniversary of 211 services for Lake County. Join with community leaders and stakeholders to learn how 211 has grown and become a lifeline for people all across the county in their moments of need. You'll hear about 211's measurable impact, data on community-specific needs, and the results we have seen in year three. You'll also hear stories of how 211 has made a real difference for community members, employers, agencies and local government.

Megan McKenna, CEO of Boys & Girls Club of Lake County, will moderate a diverse panel of local leaders discussing how 211 more efficiently guides people to available resources to help improve lives, including a more in-depth discussion on the top needs and solutions to address them.

Help us recognize the incredible support and collaboration of so many individuals, employers, community leaders and partners who have joined with us to build and sustain this vital service for Lake County and celebrate the results we've achieved together.

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Access Support During This Difficult Time

Everyone grieves at a different pace, and there is no one path toward moving forward after a tragedy. Professionals from our community are available to help those who may need assistance following the Highland Park Fourth of July shooting. [View flyer here.](#)

If you're not sure what help you need, call **211** or text your zip code to **898211** to be immediately connected with a trained navigator who can help you access the services you need, 24/7.

As a reminder, victims who were physically injured at the July 4 parade shooting are encouraged to visit july4fund.org to download a claim form and apply for support by the September 7, 2022, deadline.

211 Advisory Council Meeting

The **211 Advisory Council** met on August 10 for its quarterly meeting to review 211 program results from the previous quarter, including key metrics by goal, trend information on 211 contacts and needs presented.

The discussion mainly focused on 211's response to the Highland Park parade shooting, summarizing how 211 has been instrumental in centralizing and verifying resources, guiding those affected and anyone wanting to help to services, identifying the mental health and case management needs of survivors, leveraging existing partnerships and relationships with emergency management to be able to respond quickly, and is incorporating learnings into future disaster/incident planning. The council also discussed next steps for community engagement and marketing.

Welcome to our newest advisory council members, Mary Harris-Reese, Retired Nurse and Health Care Quality Professional, and Megan McKenna, CEO of Boys & Girls Club of Lake County. We look forward to their involvement. The council will reconvene on November 16.



**National Immunization
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August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) and a time to highlight the importance of keeping up with **routine vaccines** throughout your life.

With school starting, it's also a time to check vaccination records to see if your kids are up to date and that they **Head Back to School Safer and Healthier this Year!** Be sure to contact your child's doctor or nurse about their vaccination needs. If you don't have a provider, the Lake County Health Department can help. Contact the Patient Access Center at 847-377-8800 to schedule an appointment at one of their Community Health Centers.

Help Raise Awareness of 211

Help us continue to raise awareness of our 211 helpline and the wide range of services available so that everyone in Lake County gets connected to resources in their moments of need. Our **211 toolkit** includes a selection of bilingual printed and downloadable materials including rack cards, wallet cards, posters, flyers in multiple languages, videos, social graphics and other materials to help you spread the word to your organization, clients and community members.

Our office is open Monday–Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. to fulfill print material requests. To arrange a pick-up time, please contact Sara Martinez at 847-775-1026 or Sara.Martinez@uwlakeco.org.



Supporter Spotlight

“211 is the best resource to find the help you need, whether it’s food, shelter, rental and utility assistance or other essential services. The Lake County Board is proud to be a key community partner committed to raising awareness of 211 and providing financial support to ensure this service can be used by residents and visitors for years to come.”

–Sandy Hart, Lake County Board Chair

Our Community of 211 Donors

Thank you to our community partners and many individuals for their generous financial support to help us sustain 211 for Lake County. [View our list of funding partners here.](#)

How can you help?

1. Share this email and encourage your network to [opt-in to 211 communications](#).
2. [Help sustain 211 with an online donation](#).
3. Follow United Way of Lake County on social media to receive timelier 211 updates.



Best regards,

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