

## **Coles County assistance programs**

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**Catholic Charities of Coles, Douglas & Edgar Co.** - Several different services and assistance programs are offered, including the MedAssist prescription assistance, referral services to federal and Illinois government programs, Blessings Food Pantry, thrift store, crises assistance for expenses such as rent and utilities, foster care, adoption and volunteer opportunities. While more limited, the center may offer direct financial assistance for needs such as energy/heating bills or rent in a crisis. and *will pay \$100.00 once a year for rent. Catholic Charities also helps with emergency funds for medications, free clothing items, and distributes furniture vouchers that can be used on select items in the thrift store.* The main Catholic Charities of Coles, Douglas and Edgar Counties is located at 4217 Dewitt Avenue, Mattoon, Illinois 61938-6620. Call (217) 235-0420.

**Charleston Area Churches Food Pantry**, (217) 328-3030, distributes food items to be used in meal preparation, they run a food pantry, and they provide support to persons determined to be in need of help. The aid is offered for a short-term period of time only.

Hours:

Monday	1:30 - 4:00
Wednesday	1:30 - 4:00
Thursday	5:30 - 7:00
Friday	1:30 - 4:00

Address: 990 W. State, Charleston

Phone: 328-3030

Guidelines: We provide three days' worth of emergency food to residents of Coles County.

Clients need to bring a photo ID every time they come to the food pantry.

Each client is permitted to use our services once every 30 days.

**Eastern Illinois Foodbank** - This organization partners with other agencies, and they acquire, warehouse and distribute quantities of food, groceries and other essentials to clients in a network of partnership agencies and churches, including agencies in Coles County. They provide to agencies, rather than individuals.

2405 North Shore Drive Urbana, IL 61802

Phone (217) 328-3663.

**Coles County agencies served by EIF:**

Ashmore Food Pantry

Open 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month 9-11am

212 North Oakland Road

Ashmore, IL 61912

Serving Ashmore, Kansas, and Westfield

Abundant Blessings  
Open 6pm-7pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday  
3400 DeWitt Avenue  
Mattoon, IL 61938  
Serves Mattoon and surrounding area

Blessings Food Pantry  
Open Tuesday through Friday 9am-1pm  
4217 DeWitt Avenue  
Mattoon, IL 61938  
Serves Coles, Douglas, and Edgar

Charleston Food Pantry  
Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 1:30pm – 4:00pm & Thursday from 5:30 – 7pm  
990 W. State Street  
Charleston, IL 61920  
Serves Coles County

Carpenter's Table (a leg of Standing Stone Community Center)  
Open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9am-4pm, Saturday's 9am - 3pm. Closed Sunday, Monday & Tuesday.  
217-549-3378  
375 N. 14th St.  
Charleston, IL 61920  
Serves Coles, Douglas and Edgar Counties

Mattoon Community Food Center - Food Pantry  
Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 1:30pm – 3:30pm & Thursday 6pm-8pm  
600 Moultrie Ave  
Mattoon, IL 61938  
Serves Coles County

Salvation Army, Mattoon - Food Pantry  
Open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 10am to 2:30pm  
217-234-3915  
1300 Richmond  
Mattoon, IL 61938  
Serves Coles County

Mattoon Area Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS) - Soup Kitchen  
Open M-Th from 11am – 1pm for Lunch; M-F from 7-9pm for Dinner  
2017 Broadway Ave  
Mattoon, IL 61938  
Serves Coles County

Mattoon Christian Church Food Pantry  
Open Tuesday 2:30-7pm, Thursday 2:30-6pm, Friday 2:30-4:30pm  
217-294-3845  
221 N. 19th Street  
Mattoon, IL 61938  
Serves Coles, Moultrie, Cumberland

Oakland Food Pantry  
Open 2nd and 4th Thursday from 4-6:30pm  
10 N. Pike  
Oakland, IL 61943  
Serves Oakland School District

**Embarras River Basin Agency, Inc.**

400 W Pleasant St  
PO Box 307  
Greenup IL 62428  
PH: 217-923-3113  
Fax: 217-923-5155  
Coles County  
825 18<sup>th</sup> St.  
Charleston IL  
217-345-4840  
Open M-F 8-12, 1-4

This is the local Charleston and Coles County Illinois community action agency. ERBA is a non-profit Community Action Agency organized to administer grants, assistance programs and other programming and resources for the target population of low-income citizens of all ages. The ERBA community action agency provides services and administers grants to low income and others in need of help. Some examples of the case management are emergency assistance offered is as follows.

Financial assistance is offered in Coles County. It ranges from housing and rental assistance to energy bill programs. Subsidized apartments or homes are offered as part of TBRA - Tenant-Based Rental Assistance or HUD section 8 vouchers. There are also emergency funds for paying rent or a security deposit for permanent housing. During the winter months, LIHEAP heating bill applications are processed by EBRA.

In addition, the community action agency helps with self-sufficiency. The non-profit operates Workforce Development and can refer residents to training and job placement. In addition, some financial aid to pay for work supplies may be available, such as clothing or transportation. Several other resources are operated by Embarras River Basin Agency in Charleston Illinois and other towns.

**Children's Assistance Fund** - This program furnishes immediate basic needs for children. They may be able to receive hats, coats, hats, mittens, etc. in addition to fulfilling special requests for underprivileged Mattoon students in emergency situations when other sources of income or aid are unavailable to them. 238-5800.

**Coalition for People in Need** - Several different churches united and have partnered together to form this program. Together they may be able to assist individuals and families with free food, rent help, utilities, prescriptions, gasoline, heating and water bills, with no regard to gender, race or religious affiliation of the applicant. 348-8449

**Mattoon Community Food Center** - The agency furnishes emergency and supplemental free food at no cost to qualifying low-income families, the working poor, unemployed, and others who are struggling who need assistance in Mattoon, Lerna and Humboldt. Dial 258-8321, 600 Moultrie, Mattoon.

Hours: M, W, F; 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm. Donation Drop-off Times are Monday through Thursday from 8 am -11 am and Monday, Wed. and Friday from 1:30 pm till 4:00 pm.

Fees: None

Eligibility: Clients that meet the IL Department of Human Services income guidelines are eligible to receive food once every 30 days.

Ages Served: All

Appt. Necessary: No

Handicapped accessible: Yes

### **Salvation Army**

1300 Richmond Ave.

Mattoon, IL 61938

Tel: 217.234.3915

Fax: 217.235.5667

Office Hours: Mon - Fri 10:00am - 3:00pm

Social Service Hours: Mon - Fri 9:00am - 3:00pm

Thrift Store hours: Mon - Fri 9:00am - 6:00pm and Sat 9:00am - 4:00pm

The Salvation Army of Coles and Cumberland Counties houses several Salvation Army programs – the After School Drop in Center, Thrift Store, Summer Feed Programs, Winter Assistance, Social Services, Food Pantry, Adult Enrichment, Sports/recreation, Character building, and more.

These services are available to the Coles and Cumberland Counties.

### **Standing Stone Community Center**

201 N 6th St

Charleston, IL 61920

(217) 549-3378

WINTER HOURS

SUN - TUES: Closed

WED-FRI: 9AM - 4PM

SAT: 9AM - 3PM

Standing Stone Community Center is a nonprofit ministry featuring food, clothing and furniture. Our purpose is to meet unmet needs through a multifaceted, Christ-centered outreach.

Our Carpenters Table location on North 14th Street houses our free food pantry, and is a place to shop for our quality resale furniture and household items. *Standing Stones gives 5 free clothing items a month*

**Illinois Coalition for Community Services**

913 South Sixth Street

Springfield, IL 62703

217-210-2301

825 18th Street

Charleston, IL 61920

Administrative 217.345.2169

Comprehensive Community Based Youth Services 217.345.1221

Open Door 217.549.2987

Teen REACH 217.549.2106

ICCS is a private non-profit grassroots organization that exists to help Illinois communities develop and sustain helpful local programs for children, youth, and families.

*ICCS furnishes things such as; cleaning supplies, toilet paper, shampoo, feminine hygiene products, soap etc.*

**Charleston Township**

Person In Charge: Township Supervisor

Hours: M-F, 8:30am - 4pm, closed 12:30pm -1pm

Fees: None

Eligibility: Income after allowances - less than \$250 per month

Area Served: Charleston Township

Ages Served: All. Must be 18 to receive assistance. Assistance may benefit a person of any age.

Appt. Necessary: No

Handicapped accessible: Yes

Provides assistance to qualified Charleston Township residents only. Program helps provide for basic needs (rent, food, utilities and clothing). Does not include payment for telephone except for medical necessity. Decisions made pursuant to public aid guidelines.