

CHEROKEE COUNTY RESOURCE DIRECTORY

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FOOD

First United Methodist Church (Columbus)

- Food pantry open daily M-F to anyone in need 9:30-11:30 and 1:00-3:30
- Location: 320 W. Maple St Columbus, KS (east side of the building)
- Call 620-429-2791 and/or knock loudly when you arrive

Columbus Christian Center

- Food distributed by appointment only - call 620-429-2424 and leave a detailed message. Your call will be returned with a scheduled appointment time.
- Location: 1001 E Merle Evans Dr, Columbus

Calvary Baptist Church (Columbus)

- Biweekly food distribution. Call 620-429-2201 for details

Riverton First Baptist Church

- Pickup by scheduled appointment only (no face to face appointments at this time) - call 620-848-3347. Food will be boxed up and you will be directed where to pick it up.

Weir Commodities - Every other month at Weir Senior Center. Call Kathy D. at 620-762-1072 for date/time. Bring a box.

Monthly Meat Giveaway

- 1st Baptist Church in Cherokee on S. Vine Street
- 3rd Thursday at 5:30. Call Kathy D. at 620-762-1072

ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Department of Children and Families

- Access their website to check eligibility, apply for benefits or access your benefits:
<https://cssp.kees.ks.gov/apsspssp/sspNonMed.portal>
- Benefit options include cash assistance, food assistance, and child care.

Unemployment Benefits

- To get information or file for unemployment benefits go to GetKansasBenefits.gov

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Cherokee County Health Department - WIC Clinic

- Office is open 8-5:00 M-F for phone calls, no walk-in service at this time.
- WIC appointments are being done by phone only.

Current WIC clients need to make sure the office has your correct phone number so you can be reached on your appointment date and time. New applicants can call the office to make an appointment at 620-429-3338.

EMOTIONAL/MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Spring River Mental Health and Wellness

- Locations in Columbus and Riverton opened M-F 8:00-5:00 PM. Call 620-848-2300 Riverton or Columbus 620-429-1860 for information. After hours crisis line: 1-866-634-2301
- Appointments available by telephone, or by televideo.

PsychSolutions- Baxter Springs

- Temporarily only doing telemedicine with video.
- Call 620-308-5115 or email PsychSolutions@yahoo.com

PARENTING SUPPORT

My Family of Cherokee County

- Helps families get enrolled in programs that provide support, resources, and guidance in child development and parenting.
- Programs include: SEK-CAP Early Head Start & Head Start Centers, KCSL Healthy Families America, Greenbush Parents as Teachers, local preschools and resources for expecting moms and families with children through age 5.
- The Cherokee County diaper program is still running, and is available for anyone currently living in Cherokee County that has a child in diapers. Contact Tiffany Green at 620-762-2301 to get connected with a program or with any resource questions.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

- Free book monthly for youth under the age of 5 residing in USD 247 Cherokee or USD 404 Riverton school districts through a LINK Literacy Grant.
- Email Gena.Allen@greenbush.org for the enrollment form

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WIFI ACCESS

Optic Communication

- Optic Communication and USD 493 are offering wifi hotspots for online learning at 3 locations through June 30th
- Columbus High School parking lot, Columbus Ballparks, and the park at the corner of Kansas Ave and Pine Street in Columbus

Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative

- Updating map regularing with new wi-fi hotspots. Check their website <https://www.ckt.net/hotspots/>
- Current hotspots created in Weir, West Mineral, Crestline, Hallowell, and Melrose

HIGH RISK POPULATIONS

Columbus Comes Together

- Community volunteers are currently assisting the elderly population in Columbus with running errands, picking up groceries, etc to help them avoid leaving their homes.
- If you are an elderly person in need of assistance please call one of the numbers below. Carolyn Eddington 620-429-3851 or Liz Simpson 620-674-1459

Cherokee County Cares Program

- Program offered by the Cherokee County Sheriff's Department
- Seniors and high risk residents can contact their office at 620-429-3992 to schedule an appointment for a member of their team to pick up your prescriptions or essential grocery items

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