



When We Connect

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ABOUT 

WE Connect empowers young adults and families in underserved communities by connecting them to resources and information they need to lead healthier and more financially secure lives. Founded in 2005 by former First Lady of California, Maria Shriver, it is now administered by The California Endowment, and has successfully served millions of Californians through community events, web-based tools, public-private partnerships, and publications. Visit [www.weconnect.net](http://www.weconnect.net) to learn more and click on the Resource Map to locate programs near you.

SERVICE TYPE	AGENCY/PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT	REQUIREMENTS
Child Care & Education Programs	Migrant Child Care & Development Program	Child care services for migrant families	(916) 322-6233	Migrant families
	Migrant Education Program	Supplemental education and support services to migrant children	(916) 319-0851	Migrant children aged 3-21 years
Employment, Job & Maintenance Programs	CalJOBS	Wide variety of employment services	1-800-758-0398	Legal right to work in the U.S.
	CalWORKs	Cash aid to eligible families to pay for necessary expenses	1-800-952-5253	
	Unemployment Insurance	Financial assistance to unemployed workers due to no fault of their own	1-800-300-5616 (1-800-326-8937) En Español	Legal right to work in the U.S.
Housing Assistance & Energy Saving/Utility Programs	CA Department of Community Services & Development	Housing and rental assistance service for low-income Californians	(916) 576-7109	
	Drought Housing Relocation Assistance	Relocation and short-term rental assistance for households without access to an adequate supply of potable water.	(916) 263-2307	Low and Moderate Income Household Rental assistance provided for 12 months
	Energy Savings	No cost weatherization services to low income	Call local public utilities	
Food & Water Assistance Programs	CA Emergency Food Assistance Program	Monthly supplemental 3-5 day supply of food	1-800-283-9000	
	CalFresh	Food assistance to low-income families & individuals.	1-877-847-FOOD (1-877-847-3663)	
	Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program	Coupons to seniors for fresh fruits and vegetables at farmers markets	1-916-657-3231	Low-income seniors
	Women, Infants, and Children Special Supplemental Nutrition Program	Nutrition information, nutritious foods, and breastfeeding support	1-888-WIC - WORKS (1-888-942-9675)	Low-income pregnant & new mothers
Health Care Service Programs	Community Health Clinics	Health care services to low-income Californians	Call local health clinic	No restrictions
	Medi-Cal	Public health insurance program for low-income residents	(916) 552-9200	
	Mental Health Departments	Short-term access to emotional and mental health services	Call local mental health department	No restrictions

Information and services are current as of August 20, 2015. For updates and a list of nongovernmental resources, go to [www.californiavolunteers.org](http://www.californiavolunteers.org)



# CALIFORNIA DROUGHT

If you have been affected by the ongoing drought, these resources may be helpful.



With California facing one of the most severe droughts on record, Governor Brown declared a drought State of Emergency and directed state officials to take all necessary actions to prepare for water shortages. The state has continued to lead the way to make sure California is able to cope with an unprecedented drought.

This brochure was prepared by the Governor's Drought Task Force in partnership with the California Endowment and contains a short list of available resources for Californians that have been impacted by the drought. For more information or to download a digital copy of this brochure, please visit [www.californiavolunteers.org/drought](http://www.californiavolunteers.org/drought).

## CHILD CARE & EDUCATION PROGRAMS

**Migrant Child Care and Development Program** provides services to children of agricultural workers while their parents are at work and when they migrate from place to place to find work. For more information on benefits and eligibility call [916-322-6233](tel:916-322-6233) or visit [www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/re?rragencylist.asp](http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/re?rragencylist.asp).

**Migrant Education Program (MEP)** provides supplementary education and support services to eligible migrant children and youth to help address the educational disruption that results when migrant families move place to place to find work. For more information, call [916-319-0851](tel:916-319-0851) or visit [www.cde.ca.gov/sp/me/mt/](http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/me/mt/).

## EMPLOYMENT, JOB AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS

**CalWORKs** provides cash aid to eligible needy California families to help pay for housing, food, and other necessary expenses. To learn more about the benefits and eligibility requirements of CalWORKs call [1-800-952-5253](tel:1-800-952-5253) or visit [www.cwda.org/links/chsa.php](http://www.cwda.org/links/chsa.php). All other states visit: [www.cdss.ca.gov/calworks](http://www.cdss.ca.gov/calworks).

**Employment Development Department (EDD)** provides job seekers, with a legal right to work in the U.S., and employers with a wide variety of employment services offered throughout the state through the automated system called CalJOBS. For more information, call EDD at [1-800-758-0398](tel:1-800-758-0398) or visit [www.edd.ca.gov](http://www.edd.ca.gov).

**Unemployment Insurance** supports workers who are fully or partially unemployed due to no fault of their own and lost their jobs due to water shortages and drought conditions in California. For additional information on benefits and eligibility call [1-800-300-5616](tel:1-800-300-5616). Spanish [1-800-326-8937](tel:1-800-326-8937) or visit [www.edd.ca.gov/unemployment](http://www.edd.ca.gov/unemployment).

## ENERGY SAVING & UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

**California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Program** provides eligible low-income customers with a 30-35 percent discount on electric bills and 20 percent on gas bills. For more information on benefits and eligibility call your local public utilities or visit [www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/Low+income/care.htm](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/Low+income/care.htm).

**California Lifeline Program** provides discounted home phone and cell phone services to eligible households. For more information call [1-866-272-0349](tel:1-866-272-0349) or visit [www.californialifeline.com](http://www.californialifeline.com).

**Drought Water Assistance Program (DWAP)** assists drought impacted, low-income households with their residential water utility bill and water conservation education. Program is limited to residents in Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Monterey, San Benito, Santa Cruz, Stanislaus and Tulare Counties. For additional information on benefits and eligibility call [1-916-5767109](tel:1-916-5767109) or visit [www.csd.ca.gov/Services/FindServicesinYourArea.aspx](http://www.csd.ca.gov/Services/FindServicesinYourArea.aspx).

**Energy Savings Assistance Program (ESAP)** provides no cost weatherization services to eligible low-income household such as low flow shower heads and weatherstripping. For more information about ESAP call your local public utilities or visit [www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/Low+Income/liee.htm](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/Low+Income/liee.htm).

**Low-Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** provides financial assistance to low-income households to manage and meet immediate home heating and/or cooling needs. For information on benefits and eligibility call [1-866-6756623](tel:1-866-6756623) or visit [www.csd.ca.gov/Services/FindServicesinYourArea.aspx](http://www.csd.ca.gov/Services/FindServicesinYourArea.aspx).

## FOOD & WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

**California's Drought Food Assistance Program (DFAP)** is a food assistance program developed in response to the Governor's Drought Emergency Declaration in January 2014. For a list of counties in which DFAP is available, go: [http://www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/entres/pdf/PressRelease/DFAP\\_FactSheet.pdf](http://www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/entres/pdf/PressRelease/DFAP_FactSheet.pdf) For a list of all food banks in the CDSS network go to link [www.dss.cahwnet.gov/efap/PG1910.htm](http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/efap/PG1910.htm).

**California's Emergency Food Assistance Program** provides eligible low income individuals and families with a supplemental three to five day supply of food each month. To locate participating food banks call [1-800-283-9000](tel:1-800-283-9000) or visit [www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/PG55.htm](http://www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/PG55.htm).

**CalFresh** provides food assistance to eligible families and individuals affected by drought due to loss of income. To learn more about benefits and eligibility of CalFresh call [1-877-847-FOOD](tel:1-877-847-FOOD) ([1-877-847-3663](tel:1-877-847-3663)) or apply online at: [www.benefitscal.org/](http://www.benefitscal.org/).

**Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program** provides eligible low-income seniors with coupon books to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs and honey at certified farmers' markets. To learn more about benefits and eligibility call [916-657-3231](tel:916-657-3231) or visit [www.cdfa.ca.gov/go/SFMNP](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/go/SFMNP).

**Water Assistance**  
Contact your local county Office of Emergency Services for more information.

**Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Special Supplemental Nutrition Program** provides eligible low income pregnant women and new mothers, infants, and children up to their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday with nutrition information, nutritious foods, breastfeeding support, and health referrals. To learn more about benefits and eligibility call [1-888-WIC-WORKS](tel:1-888-WIC-WORKS) ([1-888-942-9675](tel:1-888-942-9675)) or visit [www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/wicworks/pages/default.apx](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/wicworks/pages/default.apx).

## HEALTH CARE SERVICE PROGRAMS

**Community Health Centers** provide a variety of primary health care services to low-income Californians with or without health insurance across the state. For additional information on services provided and to locate your local health clinic visit [www.californiahealthplus.com/index.cfm/find-my-health-center/](http://www.californiahealthplus.com/index.cfm/find-my-health-center/).

**Crisis Counseling** may be available for short-term emotional or mental health problems caused by the economic impacts of the drought. For more information call your local county mental health department or visit [www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/mh/Documents/CMHDA.pdf](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/mh/Documents/CMHDA.pdf).

**MediCal** is a public health insurance program that provides low-income Californians with access to affordable, high-quality health care, including medical, dental, mental health, substance use treatment services and long-term care. For benefits and eligibility call [916-552-9200](tel:916-552-9200) or visit [www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medical/Pages/CountyOffices.aspx](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medical/Pages/CountyOffices.aspx).

## HOUSING ASSISTANCE

**The California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD)** provides housing and rental assistance to eligible low-income Californians and farm workers. For additional information on benefits and eligibility call [916-576-7109](tel:916-576-7109) or visit [www.csd.ca.gov/Services/FindServicesinYourArea.aspx](http://www.csd.ca.gov/Services/FindServicesinYourArea.aspx)

**The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)** provides relocation and temporary rental assistance to low and moderate income households moving from their current residence due to an inadequate supply of potable water resulting from the drought. For additional information on eligibility and assistance within your county, call [916-263-2307](tel:916-263-2307), send an email to [droughtrelocation@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:droughtrelocation@hcd.ca.gov), or visit [www.hcd.ca.gov/financial-assistance](http://www.hcd.ca.gov/financial-assistance).

**U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development** helps homeowners impacted by the drought by supporting the drilling of wells or connecting of households to community water systems. USDA also provides loans and grants to eligible low-income households in rural areas to make repairs to their homes. Call [530-792-5800](tel:530-792-5800) or visit [www.rd.usda.gov/SupportDocuments/CA/DroughtAssistance.pdf](http://www.rd.usda.gov/SupportDocuments/CA/DroughtAssistance.pdf).

## WATER CONSERVATION

**Turf and Toilet** provides a \$100 rebate to families who replace inefficient toilets with a high-efficient toilet. In addition, the turf rebate program will provide a \$2 rebate per square foot of turf replaced (up to \$2,000). For more information visit [www.saveourwaterrebates.com](http://www.saveourwaterrebates.com).

**Save Our Water** is a statewide program aimed at helping Californians reduce their everyday water use. Visit [www.saveourwater.com](http://www.saveourwater.com) for more information about how you can save water.

