



## Find your local 2-1-1/I&R Call Center. ▶

Every hour of every day, someone in the United States needs essential services - from finding an after-school program to securing adequate care for a child or an aging parent. Faced with a dramatic increase in the number of agencies and help-lines, people often don't know where to turn. In many cases, people end up going without these necessary services because they do not know where to start. 2-1-1 helps people find and give help.



2-1-1 is an easy to remember telephone number that, where available, connects people with important community services and volunteer opportunities. The implementation of 2-1-1 is being spearheaded by United Ways and comprehensive and specialized information and referral agencies in states and local communities. United Way of America (UWA) and the Alliance for Information and Referral Systems (AIRS) strongly support federal funding so that every American has access to this essential service.

### PASS 2-1-1

We want our nation's leaders on Capitol Hill to hear our voices. Please join our efforts to obtain critical federal funds for your community. We encourage you to contact your Senators and Representatives to urge co-sponsorship of the Calling for 2-1-1 Act. The legislation will provide federal money to states starting or enhancing a 2-1-1 system.

Read about recently introduced [legislation](#).

Read more about United Way of America's [Public Policy Activities](#) surrounding 2-1-1.

You can also make your views known electronically by logging on to: [www.capwiz.com/unitedway/home](http://www.capwiz.com/unitedway/home).

### News

- **Trial by Fire:** How 2-1-1's regional response to the 2007 Southern California Wildfires underscores the need for a Statewide Network
- **National, State and Local Endorsers of 2-1-1**
- **Trial by Wind and Water**
- **2-1-1 Cost Benefit Analysis**
- The **United Way Hurricane Response Fund** has been activated to help affected communities begin rebuilding their lives. All funds will be allocated for both front-line disaster relief and long-term recovery needs as determined by local United Ways in affected areas, in coordination with a vast network of human services agencies and volunteer centers.
- **Born Learning** - United Way, the Ad Council and Civitas have launched the Born Learning public engagement campaign to help parents and family/friend caregivers create early learning opportunities for young children. To find out more, visit [www.bornlearning.org](http://www.bornlearning.org)

### What can you do?

- **Contact Your Members of Congress**
- **Contact Your Governor**
- **Contact Your Local United Way**

### 2-1-1 Finder

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