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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS: NEW PROGRAM TO ASSIST RESIDENTS

District Health Department No. 2 (DHD2) announces the addition of a new program available to all residents! Named Community Connections, this program utilizes a proven, evidence-based model to help communities come together to support their under-resourced residents and to improve population-wide health and wellbeing. This is achieved by offering connections to community resources for adults, children and families.



**COMMUNITY**  
*connections*

There are no eligibility requirements – everyone is invited to take advantage of Community Connections when they need help. Assistance and services may be provided through phone calls, home visits, office visits, or community interaction and can be delivered by registered nurses, social workers, and/or community health workers (CHWs). A CHW is a frontline public health worker who is a trusted community member and has a close understanding of the community they serve. This relationship enables the worker to serve as a liaison between health and social services to facilitate linkage to community resources.

Here are a few examples of the kinds of community resources that Community Connections can help residents connect with:

- Finding you a doctor or dentists
- Finding transportation
- Enrolling you in health insurance
- Answering questions about wellness or being sick
- Getting food or a place to live
- Buying, preparing, and eating healthy food
- Your concerns about abuse or violence in your life
- Answering questions about family planning (birth control)
- Finding translation services
- Educational advancements like GED classes, college courses
- Employment opportunities and trainings

Clients can be referred to the Community Connections program by a healthcare provider, community agency, health department employee, or other community members (including themselves). To refer yourself or someone you know, please visit <https://www.dhd2.org/personal-health-services/cc> and click on the blue “Make a Referral” button.

For more information on the Community Connections program, please visit <https://www.dhd2.org/personal-health-services/cc> or call 1-800-504-2650.