



Who We Are

Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM) creates lasting solutions to economic, educational and social injustice in our community through quality services, collaboration and innovation. We provide high-quality early childhood education for low-income families and basic needs assistance for those in financial crisis.

A Brief History

Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM) began in 1939 as a day care for low-income families. Over the years MCUM has grown and changed to meet the needs of the community. Our goal is to reduce the impact of poverty in our community. We accomplish this goal through our programs and by networking with other organizations in an effort to find the best solutions for our clients.



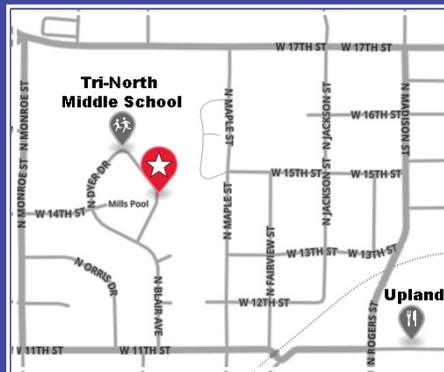
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Getting Here

MCUM is located next to Tri-North Middle School and Mills Pool off the Bloomington Transit "2" Bus Route. The childcare program is located in the brick building on the left.



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Financial Assistance



Are you in need of financial assistance?

We can help.

Thinking of asking for financial assistance?

Consider these questions:

1. Are you paying rent and utilities first, or are you delaying these until other bills are paid?

Housing is a vital and necessary aspect of feeling secure, so making sure rent or mortgage, and utilities are paid before all others is really important. Talk with your coach if you would like some assistance setting up a monthly budget, taking some of the stress off of this monthly concern.

2. Are you anticipating a problem before it happens?

We cannot assist with rent or utilities before they are due. If you are concerned, and want to be pro-active, talk with your coach about scheduling a special appointment to talk about the financial pressure you are experiencing.

3. Can you afford your rent most of the time?

Is there some particular problem that has caused this crisis? If your rent is way beyond your means, it may be important to find less expensive housing. Your coach can discuss housing options with you.

4. Are you a Monroe County resident?

Our programs are limited to Monroe County residents.

5. Have you received financial assistance from the Trustee recently?

If you have received help from the Trustee recently, you must have completed your work back requirement to be eligible for financial assistance from MCUM.

6. Do you have a balance with the MCUM Childcare Center?

If so, we are unable to assist you financially. If you would like to see how you can take care of this debt, talk with your coach about it.



You may have many other questions about financial assistance that are not addressed in this brochure. Feel free to talk with your coach about it; she may suggest setting up a separate appointment to go over your questions and concerns more thoroughly. At MCUM, we want to be part of the solution to your questions and concerns, so don't be afraid to ask!

Program Information:

MCUM receives grant money to help assist those in need, and the grant requires that an application appointment with your local Township Trustee is completed prior to receiving an appointment with MCUM. Trustees are assigned to each Township within the County; you will find a list of Monroe County Trustees at the check in desk.

When you call or come in to make an appointment, we will ask you if you have been to the Trustee for the same thing, rent or utility, for the same month as you are coming to MCUM.

Generally we can make an appointment within several days to a week after you have seen the trustee. As with the Trustee, MCUM will need to see documentation verifying your income sources, your lease, your utility bill, and a bank statement or complete list of expenses over the past month. It can be extremely helpful to keep copies of everything you presented to the Trustee; this can help speed our process along.

Our grant guidelines stipulate that we can help with up to one month's rent or utility bill. The funds are designed to help people retain their housing, so are not set up to help for other necessary financial circumstances. For this reason, we are unable to help with deposits of any kind, reconnect fees, or other bills or financial payments. Your coach may be able to offer recommendations of other sources for financial help.

At MCUM, we try to reach a decision on each application for financial assistance within a few days, but please understand that we have many applications for financial assistance, and, depending upon the questions that remain after the interview, it may take a few extra days.