



September 2025

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VOLUNTEERS Needed

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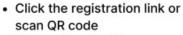


Your Support Makes All The Difference

AHEAD will be partnering with the Highland Games in Lincoln to provide volunteers to work the 3-day event. In exchange, the Highland Games will make a monetary donation to AHEAD.

HOW TO JOIN US







- Choose the day/times you want to volunteer
- Wait for specific volunteer details in the upcoming weeks

BENEFITS

- Help raise funds for AHEAD
- Free Highland Games T-shirt
- Free bagged lunch
- Free attendance for the day you volunteer

SAVE THE DATES

Friday, Sept. 19th Saturday, Sept. 20th Sunday, Sept. 21st

Learn more about the Highland Games by visiting https://nhscot.org/

Want to volunteer at the 2025 Highland Games and help support AHEAD? Click here



Click here to purchase your raffle ticket. Hurry, only 500 tickets will be sold!

Have you purchased a home after utilizing AHEAD's workshops or 1:1 counseling? We want to hear from you. As a non-profit HUD housing counseling organization, AHEAD's funding is based on how many homeowners we help create. Complete our brief survey form and you will be entered to win a 4-quart Dutch oven. 4 winners will be selected on October 31st from all completed entries.

Are you an AHEAD Homebuyer?



Complete our AHEAD Homebuyer survey and enter to win a 5-quart Dutch oven!



Click here to complete our homebuyer survey

Financial Tip of the Month



Fuel Assistance Program (FAP): helps qualified North Country households with heating costs. The program also helps households during an emergency by securing an immediate delivery of fuel, delaying a shut-off, or connecting clients to other sources of assistance. Benefits are calculated using household income, energy costs, the number of heating degree days in a region, and housing type. Benefits are a grant and do not need to be paid back.

Electric Assistance Program (EAP): provides eligible customers with a discount of 5%-86% on their monthly electric bills, depending on their gross household income.

Ages Served: All ages

Area Served: Coös, Carroll, and

Grafton Counties

Home Maintenance Reminder



September – Sleep & Comfort

As the crisp evenings of early fall roll in, September is a wonderful time to refresh your home and make it a haven of warmth and comfort. After the hustle of summer, it's important to shift your focus indoors and prepare your spaces for the cooler months ahead.

Start with the bedroom, the heart of restful living. Rotate and vacuum your mattress to extend its life and improve hygiene. A thorough vacuum helps remove dust mites, allergens, and debris that build up over time, while rotating prevents uneven wear. For added freshness, sprinkle baking soda with a few drops of your favorite essential oil over the mattress, let it sit, and vacuum it away. Don't forget your pillows—wash or replace them to support better sleep. Synthetic pillows can usually be machine washed, while memory foam can be spot-cleaned. Making sure both

Income Guideline: 60% of State Median Income (changes annually)

Fuel Assistance Information:

- Heating cost must be paid by the applicant. If heat is included in rent, benefits will be applied to rent.
- Homeowners and renters may qualify
- If you are in subsidized housing and heat is included in your rent, you will not be eligible for fuel assistance.
- Over-income applications may qualify for other programs
- Benefits cover all types of heating sources

Important Fuel Assistance Dates:

- July 1st Priority
 households (those with
 children under the age of 6,
 disabled and/or elderly
 individuals, or heat with
 wood/wood pellets) can
 apply
- September 1st All other households can apply
- December 1st Program opens and payments begin to be sent to fuel vendors
- April 30th The last date to apply for the current year's program

Electric Assistance Information:

- Applicant must be paying electric at the residence
- Homeowners and renters may qualify
- Applications accepted yearround

For more information or to apply contact:

Coös County:

53 Main St., Suite #2, Berlin (603) 752-3248

berlincc@tccap.org

Monday-Friday | 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Carroll County:

448 White Mtn. Hwy., Tamworth (603) 323-7400

carrollcc@tccap.org

Monday-Friday | 8:00 AM - 4:00

mattress and pillows are clean helps create a healthier environment for sleep.

Refresh your bedding and linens to match the season. Swap out lightweight summer sheets for flannel or cotton blends that feel cozy on cooler nights. Layering your bed with extra blankets or a warm duvet not only keeps you comfortable but also allows flexibility as the weather changes. This is also a great time to launder or dry-clean comforters and store them properly when not in use.

Transition your wardrobe and storage areas. Pack away summer clothing and accessories, and bring out sweaters, jackets, and boots. Take the opportunity to sort through what you no longer wear—donate items in good condition to free up space and help others in need. Organizing closets and dressers now makes it easier to enjoy the season without clutter.

Check in on home comfort systems. Schedule a heating system inspection and cleaning before you need to turn it on. Annual maintenance keeps your furnace or boiler running efficiently, lowers your energy bills, and ensures your family stays warm when temperatures dip. If you use a fireplace or wood stove, schedule a chimney cleaning and stock up on firewood early.

Finally, set the tone for fall living. Add cozy touches like soft throws, candles, or warmer lighting to make your living spaces feel more inviting. With school routines restarting and cooler days ahead, these small changes help create a sense of calm and comfort at home. By taking time in September to refresh your sleep space, organize your wardrobe, and prepare your heating system, you'll head into autumn ready to enjoy the season with warmth, rest, and peace of mind.

PM Grafton County: 41 School St., Ashland (603) 968-3560 ashlandcc@tccap.org Monday-Friday | 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Community Partner of the Month



Androscoggin Valley Hospital North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital Weeks Medical Center



Community Partner of the Month-North Country Health Care (NCH)-

At NCH, healthcare is about more than medicine — it's about people, connection, and ensuring that everyone, no matter where they live, has access to the care they deserve.

NCH is made up of Androscoggin Valley Hospital, North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency, Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital, and Weeks Medical Center. Together, these organizations share a deep commitment to keeping our communities healthy, thriving, and supported through every stage of life. Their mission is simple yet powerful: to improve lives by assuring consistently excellent, integrated healthcare. From routine checkups and specialized treatments to home health and hospice care, NCH teams show up every day with one goal in mind — caring for our friends, families, and neighbors. Volunteers play a vital role in this mission. Whether lending a hand at community events, providing companionship to hospice patients, or supporting hospital programs, volunteers bring heart and kindness to the care we provide. Your time and compassion truly make a difference. Want to be part of something meaningful? Learn more, stay connected, and get involved at northcountryhealth.org or by following NCH on social media.



Accepting Applications Now!



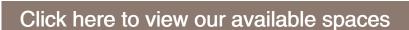


Click here to apply

Commercial Space Available at Mt. Eustis Commons



omardin@homesahead.org



Available Workshops

Secrets of Homebuying In-person, Littleton, NH Sat., September 27th 8:00am- 4:00pm \$99.00 per household.





Secrets of Homebuying On-Demand Work at your own pace, anytime, anywhere \$79.00 per household.

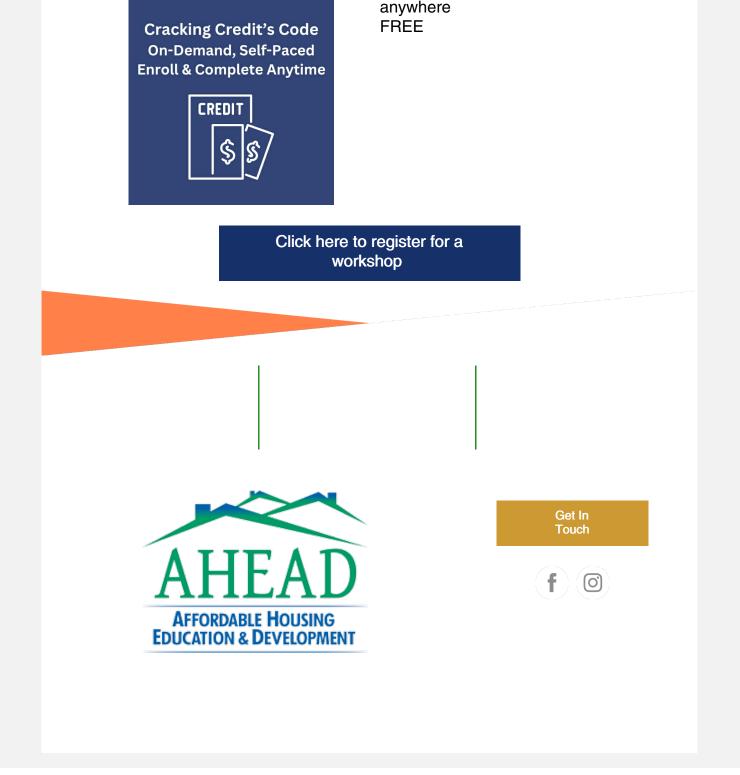


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