



Media Advisory

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UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS EXPIRING? CALL 211

SAN FRANCISCO, December 6, 2010 – If your unemployment benefits are set to expire, consider calling 211, the Bay Area's community information line. 211 Specialists can help people find financial counseling and assistance, child care, job training, food and discounted utility programs.

211 is a resource for people who need help during these tough times, but don't know where to start. 211's trained, caring specialists are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Residents who can't dial 211 can call 800-273-6222 to reach the 211 call center in their area. For the hearing impaired, dial 711 or 415-808-4440 (TTY).

For more information about the 211 program visit www.211BayArea.org.

About 211

211 is an easy-to-remember, toll-free phone number that connects callers with local community services, such as food, shelter, counseling, employment assistance, quality child care and more. During a disaster, 211 provides critical information about evacuation routes, food and shelter, as well as support with finding new jobs and permanent housing during long-term recovery. 211 is confidential and available 24 hours a day in more than 150 languages. The 211 Bay Area Regional Partnership is operated by Contra Costa Crisis Center, Eden I&R, United Way of the Bay Area, United Way Silicon Valley, and United Way of the Wine Country. 211 is available in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano and Sonoma Counties. For more information, visit www.211BayArea.org.

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