

COMPASS NOW 2012 – HOUSTON COUNTY
 KEY ISSUE: UNEMPLOYMENT and JOB SKILLS
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AGENCIES/PROGRAMS: UNEMPLOYMENT and JOB SKILLS	DESCRIPTION	SERVICE AREA	CONTACT PERSON	CONTACT INFO
WINONA WORKFORCE CENTER – JOB SERVICE NATIONAL WORK READINESS CREDENTIAL PROJECT JOB BANK INTERSTATE AND INTRASTATE EXPERIENCE WORKS PROGRAM MINNESOTA FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	Comprehensive job assistance center providing job readiness programs and job search assistance	Houston, Wabasha, and Winona Counties and a portion of Fillmore County	Lynn Riska – Winona office Anita Hahn – Caledonia Office	(507) 453-2920 – Winona office (507) 724-5231 – Caledonia office
GRACE PLACE, INC.	Job search/placement assistance	Fillmore, Houston, and Winona Counties	Carla Buron	(507) 452-2283
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Unemployment insurance program	Minnesota	No contact listed	(877) 898-9090
WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE STUDENT EMPLOYMENT SERVICES YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM DISPLACED HOMEMAKER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM)	Job search resource center for students	Buffalo, Clark, Crawford, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Monroe, Richland, Sauk, Trempealeau, and Vernon Counties in Wisconsin; Fillmore, Houston, and Winona Counties in Minnesota; Allamakee County in Iowa	Jackie Helgeson (Student Employment) Bonnie Withrow (Displaced Homemaker Employment Program)	(608) 785-9091 (608) 785-9175 (Youth Apprenticeship Program) (608) 785-9468
HOUSTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES MINNESOTA FAMILY INVESTMENTS PROGRAM DIVERSIONARY WORK PROGRAM	A welfare to work program (TANF) and a work program for people on SSI	Houston County	No contact listed	(507) 725-5811 Ext. 1219
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICAN – GATEWAY AREA COUNCIL	Career exploration for teens	La Crosse, Buffalo, Crawford, Jackson, Juneau, Monroe, Trempealeau, and Vernon Counties in Wisconsin; Houston County in Minnesota	Sean Hennenman	(608) 784-4040
GIRL SCOUTS OF WISCONSIN – BADGERLAND COUNCIL, INC.	Career exploration for teens	Buffalo, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jackson, Jefferson, Juneau, La Crosse, Lafayette, Monroe, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Trempealeau, and Vernon, Walworth Counties; Houston County in Minnesota; Allamakee County in Iowa; northern Winnebago County in Illinois	Laura Springer	(800) 236-2710 Ext. 1151

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LA CROSSE AREA HMONG MUTUAL ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATION	Career counseling/job readiness support	La Crosse County and surrounding area	None listed	(608) 781-5744
CHILEDIA HABILITATION INSTITUTE	Vocational Rehabilitation	La Crosse County and surrounding area	None listed	(608) 782-6480
VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER	Vocational Rehabilitation	Adams, Clark, Crawford, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Lincoln, Marathon, Monroe, Portage, Price, Taylor, Trempealeau, Vernon, Waushara, and Wood Counties in Wisconsin; Houston County in Minnesota	Gordon Aleckson	(608) 372-3971 Ext. 61726

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HOUSTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE		Houston County	Jordan Wilms	(507)725-5836
SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION – MINNESOTA	Business information, consulting, and assistance	Minnesota	Nancy Libersky, Regional Director	(612) 370-2324
FARM SERVICE AGENCY	Farm ownership loans	Houston County	Kevin Elton, County Executive Director	(507) 724-5261 Ext. 2
RURAL DEVELOPMENT – SOUTHERN MINNESOTA	Business and community loans for development; grants for infrastructure	Blue Earth, Dodge, Fairbault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, and Winona Counties	Rebecca Wollenburg	(507) 4378247 Ext. 4