

YOUTH & FAMILY RESOURCE GUIDE

Check out upcoming events, as well as programs and resources that support Sheboygan County's children, parents and families.



September 2026 Events

Plank Road Rendezvous

Organization: Sheboygan County Museum



Sheboygan County Museum hosts reenactors at the Plank Road Rendezvous to help visitors experience Wisconsin's dynamic part in the international Fur Trade Era. Participate in jobs, sports, games, and survival skills with all five senses, and go behind-the-scenes during the "Camp Tour," Sunday, September 6, 10:30am-11:30am. Reflect together as a family about how we are all forged together in this history.

When: 9/4 & 9/5, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and 9/6, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Contact: heather.hanlon@sheboygancounty.com

Visit: sheboyganmuseum.org/event/

Play Time With the Early Learning Center

Organization: Above & Beyond Children's Museum

Join our friends from the Early Learning Center for a play time focused on fun! Together we'll read stories, play, create, and maybe even have a special visit from the Early Learning Center's mascot, Tucker the Turtle.

When: 9/25, 10 a.m.

Visit: abkids.org

Annual Sheboygan County Marsh Park Open House

Organization: Sheboygan County Planning & Conservation Department

Join us for this free morning of learning, exploration, and fun at our annual open house at the Kohler Center for Marsh Education. There will be something for everyone of all ages to enjoy, canoeing, make & take crafts, & lots of hands-on learning opportunities. No preregistration needed. Dress to be active outdoors.



When: 9/19, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Where: W7113 County Rd S R, Elkhart Lake

Contact: (920) 459-3060

7th Annual Scarecrow Festival

Organization: YMCA Camp Y-Koda



Celebrate the magic of autumn with a one-of-a-kind festival where scarecrows, family fun, and community come together for a great cause at the 7th Annual Camp Y-Koda Scarecrow Festival Fundraiser. In partnership with The Christopher Farm & Gardens, this event is hosted on the beautiful 500-acre property that runs along Lake Michigan. You will be able to view different scarecrow displays created from local businesses, landscapers, artists, non-profits, schools, families and more!

When: 10/10 - 10/11, 9 a.m.

Where: The Christopher Farm & Gardens

Contact: kkasprzak@sheboygancountyyymca.org

Visit: sheboygancountyyymca.org/camp-y-koda/

Messtival

Organization: Mead Public Library

Get ready to get messy! Celebrate the arts with Messtival—a hands-on, come-and-go art experience full of paint, squish, splatter, and sensory fun. Dress for a mess and let your imagination run wild!

When: 9/19, 1 p.m.

Contact: (920) 459-3400

Visit: meadpl.org/events



BYOB (Bring your own Baby) Sheboygan

Organization: Family Resource Center

Join parents, caregivers, and children ages 0-2 to socialize, explore Mead Public Library, and learn from Early Childhood Specialists through engaging, interactive play. Progressive Beginnings' therapists, Family Connections, and Family Resource Center educators will cover a different developmental topic each month.

When: 2nd Tuesday of each month, 9:30 a.m. or 4:30 p.m.

Where: Mead Public Library

Contact: PAT@frc-sc.org or (920) 892-6706

Visit: familyresourcesheboygan.org/events/



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September 2026 Events

School's Out Camp

Organization: YMCA Camp Y-Koda



No School? No Problem! When school is out, camp is here for parents with a full day of care in our School's Out program. Campers will enjoy an action-packed day of adventure and fun. We will get the kids outside to enjoy the fresh air and partake in favorite camp activities. Your camper will make new friends, gain confidence and expand their horizons. It's a great way to spend a day off!

When: 9/25, 8 a.m.

Contact: droscovius@sheboygancountyyymca.org

Visit: sheboygancountyyymca.org/camp-y-koda/

Triple P: Informed Workshop: Learning to Use the Toilet

Organization: Family Resource Center & Family Connections



Learn techniques, skills, preparedness, and child development in order to help your child learn to use the toilet independently. Classes are geared toward parents and caregivers of children 0-12 years old. Free childcare is provided, but prior registration is required below.

When: 10/15, 5:30 p.m.

Where: Family Connections

Contact: rwachuta@frc-sc.org or

micheleh@familyconnectionscc.org

Visit: familyresourcesheboygan.org/events/

Triple P: Informed Workshop: Dealing with Frustration

Organization: Family Resource Center & Family Connections



Learn how to confidently deal with challenging situations, develop usable coping skills, and strengthen your relationship with your child. Classes are geared for parents and caregivers of children 0-12 years old. Free childcare is provided, but prior registration is required.

When: 9/10, 5:30 p.m.

Where: Family Connections

Contact: rwachuta@frc-sc.org or

micheleh@familyconnectionscc.org

Visit: familyresourcesheboygan.org/events/

Acuity Free Day of Play

Organization: Above & Beyond Children's Museum

Thanks to our friends at Acuity Insurance, we will be hosting twelve Free Days of Play in 2026! Three floors to explore and at no cost thanks to Acuity!

When: 9/16, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Visit: abkids.org



BYOB (Bring your own Baby) Plymouth

Organization: Family Resource Center

Join parents, caregivers, and children ages 0-2 to socialize, explore Plymouth Public Library, and learn from our staff through engaging, interactive play. A Parent Educator will share a different developmental topic each month.

When: 3rd Thursday of each month, 9:30 a.m.

Where: Plymouth Public Library

Contact: PAT@frc-sc.org or (920) 892-6706

Visit: familyresourcesheboygan.org/events/



Parent Cafe

Organization: Family Connections



A collaboration with St. John's UCC, Families + Neighbors Together and Family Connections to offer an evening of support, communication, friendship, and relaxation.

When: 9/24, 5 p.m.

Where: St. John's UCC 1248 Lincoln Ave., Sheboygan

Contact: micheleh@familyconnectionscc.org or

(920) 457-1999

Visit: familyconnectionscc.org/

Sensory Storytime

Organization: Mead Public Library



Join us for a calm, sensory-friendly storytime designed for children with developmental abilities similar to ages 2-5 years. This inclusive program features dimmed lighting, reduced sound, and a relaxed environment to help children feel comfortable and engaged. Registration required.

When: 9/14, 2 p.m.

Contact: (920) 459-3400

Visit: meadpl.org/events

Read Aloud with Local Author Eugene Helenson

Organization: Mead Public Library

Local children's book author and illustrator Eugene Helenson reads his new book OCHO in character, and provides children an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the story directly with its creator. Ideally suited for children 5-10 year of age, OCHO is the story of an ambitious octopus who wants to learn how to fly, and the challenges and characters he encounters along the way.

When: 9/26, 10 a.m.

Contact: (920) 459-3400

Visit: meadpl.org/events



September 2026 Events

Swift Nation: The Ultimate Taylor Swift Tribute Show

Organization: Weill Center Foundation

SWIFT NATION is one of the fastest-rising and most in-demand Taylor Swift tribute productions, delivering a high-energy, family-friendly concert that celebrates the music and eras of one of the greatest artists of our generation. Founded and produced by David Yuter, the show was created to give fans the closest possible live experience to Taylor Swift's iconic Eras Tour—performed with integrity, precision, and heart.

When: 9/25, 7 p.m.

Contact: (920) 208-3243

Visit: weillcenter.com/events/

Sensory Bin- Play.Make.Take

Organization: Family Resource Center



Does your child enjoy being messy and creative? Join us to explore the importance of sensory play while your child gets hands-on with fun, messy activities. Open to the community and appropriate for children ages 12–36 months; please dress your child for messy play and take home their creation!

When: 9/29, 5:30 p.m.

Where: Noble Community Clinics

Contact: PAT@frc-sc.org or (920) 892-6706

Visit: familyresourcesheboygan.org/events/

Bitty Book Club

Organization: Family Resource Center

Bitty Book Club is a free monthly playgroup for children ages 2–5 and their caregivers, offering opportunities to play, explore, create, and connect through stories and hands-on activities. Each month, a community partner will join us to share helpful resources, information, and activities that support children and families. No registration is required, and if they'd like, caregivers will also be able to access a free developmental screen to check in on their child's milestones.

When: 9/15, 9:30 a.m.

Where: Mead Public Library

Contact: PAT@frc-sc.org or (920) 892-6706

Visit: familyresourcesheboygan.org/events/



Specters of the Spotlight Ghost Tours

Organization: Weill Center Foundation

There is a reason the ghost light shines on stage during the night. From flickering lights to phantom footsteps, this historic theater stays active even after curtain call. Come discover the entities this historic theater has housed since its doors opened nearly a century ago!

When: 9/4, 7:30 p.m.

Contact: (920) 208-3243

Visit: weillcenter.com/events/

Happily Haunted

Organization: Bookworm Gardens



This not-so-spooky evening invites families to explore, play, and celebrate the season together. Throughout the night, wander through uniquely decorated garden spaces, gather for Halloween-themed storytime, and search high and low during a playful game of I Spy for bats hidden throughout the Gardens.

When: 10/9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 & 25, 5 p.m.

Contact: info@bookwormgardens.org or (920) 287-7895

Visit: bookwormgardens.org/happily-haunted

Building Healthy Relationships with Children Who Have Experienced Trauma

Organization: Sheboygan County Health and Human Services

Learn how trauma can affect a child's development, emotions, and behavior - and how caregivers can respond in ways that build safety, connection, and trust. This FREE practical workshop will provide tools and strategies for understanding challenging behaviors, supporting children's psychological and physical safety, and strengthening healthy relationships. Participants will also explore the importance of caregiver wellness and how trauma-informed approaches can support both children and the adults who care for them.

When: 9/30 - 11/18, 5 p.m.

Where: Sheboygan County Health and Human Services - 1011 8th Street - Sheboygan

Contact: Katy Pruitt - (920) 459-3256

Visit: <https://canva.link/i5q794w9v9d6936>



WHAT DO THE ICONS MEAN?



Free event or program



Outdoors or nature-related



Mental health

September 2026 Events

Baby Steps

Organization: Above & Beyond Children's Museum

Through gentle play, sensory exploration, and simple creative moments, little ones can safely discover the world around them at their own pace. Each session offers a mix of soothing and engaging activities that spark curiosity, encourage early learning, and build connection. It's a joyful space for babies to grow, explore, and take their very first steps into discovery!

When: 9/1, 9:30 a.m.

Visit: abkids.org

Toddler Time

Organization: Above & Beyond Children's Museum

Toddler Time is a joyful, playful art and sensory experience designed just for little ones! Children can explore painting, coloring, creative sensory play, and loose parts play while working alongside friends and caregivers. Each session also includes themed books that spark imagination and connect to the activities, encouraging storytelling and discovery. With open-ended projects that range from messy fun to more contained experiences, toddlers can experiment, explore, and express themselves at their own pace. This lively program nurtures curiosity, creativity, and early social connections in a bright, welcoming space

When: 9/22, 9:30 a.m.

Visit: abkids.org



Play for All

Organization: Above & Beyond Children's Museum

We warmly invite children and families who may experience barriers to play during daytime museum visits to come and explore the power of play— together. These evenings are thoughtfully designed to reduce barriers, foster connection, and create joyful experiences for every child.

When: 9/2, 4 p.m.

Visit: abkids.org

Cardboard Creations

Organization: Above & Beyond Children's Museum

Get ready to cut, chomp and create! In this exciting, hands-on program, Kids will design and build their own creations using cardboard and kid safe power tools like cardboard cutting chomp saw. A fun and safe introduction to creative tool use and storytelling through art.

When: 9/22, 9:30 a.m.

Visit: abkids.org

Game Night

Organization: The Salvation Army



Game Night offers youth ages 8-16 a safe, welcoming place to play games, spend time with friends, and build positive relationships. Each evening includes food, a short Bible devotional, and a variety of board games, video games, and group activities. The program is designed to help young people feel connected, supported, and part of a community.

When: 9/3 & 9/18, 5 p.m.

Contact: (920) 459-3060

Visit: <https://thesalvationarmywi.regfox.com/sheboygan-game-night-2026>

Bilingual Storytime

Organization: Bookworm Gardens

Celebrate language, culture, and stories with us at Bilingual Storytime! Bilingual Storytime will consist of stories read in Spanish featuring books in Spanish or Spanish/English. This welcoming program is perfect for all language backgrounds – whether you're fluent, learning or simply curious. Free program with admission ticket. Bilingual Storytime is proud to partner with the Literacy Council: A Family Resource Center Program of Sheboygan County for this program.

When: 9/12 & 10/10, 10 a.m.

Visit: bookwormgardens.org/storytime-curiosity

Resources & Programs

H.O.P.E.

Organization: Anchor of Hope



Our program offers free, confidential parenting education and support for parents during pregnancy and through their child's toddler years (up to age 3). It works as a weekly one-hour session (by appointment) in a safe, judgment-free environment with Spanish options. We also offer additional resources such as Material support (clothes, diapers, formula, and other baby essentials) for children (up to age 3).

Contact: (920) 452-4673

Visit: anchorofhopewi.org/h-o-p-e-program/

Before & After School Programs

Organization: Boys & Girls Clubs of Sheboygan County

No cost for free/reduced lunch status. Activities include academic enrichment, arts, STEM, health and well-being, and character and leadership programs. Snack included. Before + After School sites for K-5th: Longfellow, Jefferson, Cooper

After School sites for K-8th: Lake Country Academy, Sheboygan Falls

Contact: Program@ThePositivePlace.com or (920) 467-9733

Visit: ThePositivePlace.com

Therapy Pet Teams Available for Visits

Organization: Love on a Leash/Sheboygan-Manitowoc Lakeshore Area

Handlers and pets can make therapy visits to various venues. Those can be daycares, libraries, schools, clubs, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, hospitals, other medical settings as well as courts and 911 call centers. Feel free to call with ANY questions.



Contact: ckpachniak@gmail.com or (920) 254-1584

Visit: loveonaleash.org

Birth to 3

Organization: Sheboygan County Health and Human Services

Children do different things at different ages. Some babies sit without support at six months old, while others need help until they are nine months old. Some toddlers start talking when they are a year old. Others might take longer to say their first words. If you are worried about the way your baby or toddler is developing, don't wait!

Contact: (920) 459-0368



Parents as Teachers

Organization: Family Resource Center



Parents as Teachers is a free, evidence-based, voluntary program that supports families by answering parenting questions, building parenting skills, and helping identify potential developmental delays early. Services include personal home or virtual visits, developmental screenings, and a variety of parenting classes designed to help families make the most of the early years. The program is open to all families living in Sheboygan County with children prenatal through age 3.

Contact: PAT@frc-sc.org or (920) 892-6706

Visit: familyresourcesheboygan.org

After School Teen Drop-In Program

Organization: Boys & Girls Clubs of Sheboygan County

Activities include homework help, arts, STEM, sports, cooking, games, character and leadership, career exploration, and more. Snack included. Free for all teens grades 6-12. Monday - Friday from 3-7 p.m.

Where: 812 Broughton Dr., Sheboygan (YMCA lower level)

Contact: ClubAtY@ThePositivePlace.com or (920) 395-2834

Visit: ThePositivePlace.com



The Nutcracker Sign-Ups

Organization: Sheboygan County YMCA

Enter the Land of the Sweets and dance to your favorite Nutcracker songs! Everyone gets a role, and depends on Ballet experience. Performance is on December 5 at the Berkshire Apartments in Sheboygan Falls.

When: 9/10 - 12/5, 4:30 p.m.

Where: 812 Broughton Drive, Sheboygan

Contact: dcepa@sheboygancountyyymca.org

Visit: tinyurl.com/kr3r84bz

STEAM Studio

Organization: Mead Public Library

Drop into STEAM Studio in the Children's Library and create, build, and explore! Children can independently explore with a variety of art and maker supplies. Adult supervision is required for those under the age of 10 years old.

When: First Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays from 4-7 p.m.

Contact: (920) 459-3400

Visit: meadpl.org/events



Resources & Programs

Head Start Open Enrollment

Organization: Sheboygan Head Start & Early Head Start

Sheboygan Head Start is now taking applications for the 2026-27 School Year. Head Start is a free all day 3K & 4K preschool program for families that income qualify, receive SNAP, are homeless, or are foster families. Early Head Start is a home visiting program for pregnant moms and children 0-3 years old. Interested families can apply online.

Contact: brenda@hsshebco.org

Visit: sheboyganheadstart.org



Girl Scouts

Organization: Girl Scouts of Manitou Council

Join Girl Scouts today and bring joy to her journey. As a Girl Scout, she'll make long-lasting friendships, try activities that make her smile, build real-world skills through fun hands-on just-right-for-her activities, and explore adventures both big and small. Girl Scouts is where every girl can explore, create, and become more of who she's meant to be. Troops are forming now. Join today and discover what's within!

Contact: growstrong@gsmanitou.org or (920) 565-4575

Visit: gsmanitou.org

Fall Classes at the YMCA

Organization: Sheboygan County YMCA

Whether you enjoy Sports, Dance, Gymnastics, or Swimming, the YMCA has something for you. Sign-ups for Fall 1 and 2 classes are currently open.

Contact: (920) 451-8000

Visit: sheboygancountyyymca.org

Youth Groups (Faith-Based)

Organization: Campus Life Family Ministries



Campus Life offers engaging programs for children and teens, providing a supportive environment where they can connect, learn and grow in their Christian faith. Through games, lessons, and group discussions, students build friendships and explore important life values. Programs are available for ages 2-18, with activities designed to encourage personal growth, teamwork, and a sense of belonging. Visit our website for specific days and times for each age group.

Contact: campuslife@gocampuslife.com or (920) 457-2381

Visit: gocampuslife.com

DO YOU KNOW WHERE TO CALL FOR HELP?



Call 911 in case of emergencies such as fire, crime, car accident or medical emergency.



Call 988 when in need of support with a mental health crisis, thoughts of self-harm or emotional distress.



Call 211 when in need of support with housing, utilities, child care, food, legal services, disaster recovery and more.

RECURSOS PARA JOVENES & FAMILIAS

Descubre los próximos eventos, así como los programas y recursos que apoyan a los niños, padres y familias del condado de Sheboygan.



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Felizmente Embrujado

Organización: Bookworm Gardens

Esta noche llena de diversión y con un toque de misterio invita a las familias a explorar, jugar y celebrar juntas esta temporada. Durante la noche, podrán recorrer espacios del jardín decorados de manera especial, disfrutar de cuentos con temática de Halloween y participar en un divertido juego de "Veo, veo" para encontrar los murciélagos escondidos por todo el jardín.

Cuándo: 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 y 25 de octubre, a las 5 p. m.

Contacto: info@bookwormgardens.org o (920) 287-7895

Visita: bookwormgardens.org/happily-haunted

Girl Scouts

Organización: Girl Scouts of Manitou Council

Únase hoy a Girl Scouts y ayude a su hija a disfrutar cada etapa de su crecimiento. Como Girl Scout, ella hará amistades que pueden durar toda la vida, probará actividades que le harán sonreír, desarrollará habilidades útiles para la vida a través de actividades prácticas diseñadas para su edad e intereses, y vivirá aventuras grandes y pequeñas. Girl Scouts es un lugar donde cada niña puede explorar, crear y descubrir todo lo que puede llegar a ser. Los grupos se están formando ahora. ¡Únase hoy y descubra todo lo que hay por descubrir!

Contacto: growstrong@gsmanitou.org o (920) 565-4575

Visita: gsmanitou.org

Padres como Maestros (Parents as Teachers)

Organización: Family Resource Center

Padres como Maestros es un programa gratuito, voluntario y basado en evidencia que apoya a las familias al responder preguntas sobre la crianza, fortalecer las habilidades de los padres y ayudar a identificar a tiempo posibles retrasos en el desarrollo. Los servicios incluyen visitas personales en el hogar o de manera virtual, evaluaciones del desarrollo y una variedad de clases para padres diseñadas para ayudar a las familias a aprovechar al máximo los primeros años de vida de sus hijos. El programa está disponible para todas las familias que viven en el condado de Sheboygan y tienen hijos desde el embarazo hasta los 3 años de edad.

Contacto: PAT@frc-sc.org o (920) 892-6706

Visita: familyresourcesheboygan.org/parents-as-teachers-program/

Programas Antes y Después de la Escuela

Organización: Boys & Girls Clubs of Sheboygan County

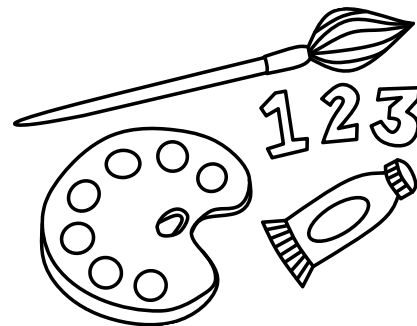
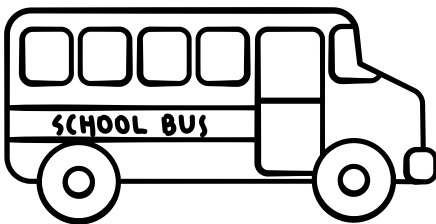
No hay costo para las familias que califican para almuerzo gratis o a precio reducido. Las actividades incluyen apoyo académico, arte, STEM (ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería y matemáticas), salud y bienestar, y programas para desarrollar el carácter y las habilidades de liderazgo. Se incluye una merienda.

Programas antes y después de la escuela para Kinder-5.º grado: Longfellow, Jefferson, Cooper

Programas después de la escuela para Kinder-8.º grado: Lake Country Academy, Sheboygan Falls

Contacto: Program@ThePositivePlace.com or (920) 467-9733

Visita: ThePositivePlace.com



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Inscripciones Abiertas para Head Start

Organización: Sheboygan Head Start & Early Head Start

Sheboygan Head Start está aceptando solicitudes para el año escolar 2026-27. Head Start es un programa preescolar gratuito de todo el día para niños de 3 y 4 años, disponible para familias que cumplen con los requisitos de ingresos, reciben SNAP, no tienen vivienda estable o tienen niños en cuidado de crianza temporal (foster care). Early Head Start es un programa de visitas al hogar para mujeres embarazadas y niños de 0 a 3 años. Las familias interesadas pueden solicitar el programa en línea.

Contacto: brenda@hssshebco.org

Visita: sheboyganheadstart.org

Del Nacimiento a los 3 Años (Birth to 3)

Organización: Sheboygan County Health and Human Services

Los niños desarrollan diferentes habilidades a diferentes edades. Algunos bebés pueden sentarse sin apoyo a los seis meses, mientras que otros necesitan ayuda hasta los nueve meses. Algunos niños pequeños comienzan a hablar cuando tienen un año, mientras que otros pueden tardar un poco más en decir sus primeras palabras. Si le preocupa la manera en que su bebé o niño pequeño se está desarrollando, ¡no espere!

Contacto: (920) 459-0368

Programa para Adolescentes Después de la Escuela

Organización: Boys & Girls Clubs of Sheboygan County

Las actividades incluyen ayuda con las tareas escolares, arte, STEM, deportes, cocina, juegos, desarrollo del carácter y liderazgo, exploración de carreras y mucho más. Se incluye una merienda. Gratis para todos los adolescentes de 6.º a 12.º grado. De lunes a viernes, de 3 a 7 p. m.

Dónde: 812 Broughton Dr., Sheboygan (nivel inferior de la YMCA)

Contacto: ClubAtY@ThePositivePlace.com o (920) 395-2834

Visita: ThePositivePlace.com

H.O.P.E.

Organización: Anchor of Hope

Nuestro programa ofrece educación y apoyo gratuito y confidencial sobre la crianza de los hijos durante el embarazo y hasta los primeros años de vida del niño (hasta los 3 años). El programa consiste en una sesión semanal de una hora, con cita previa, en un ambiente seguro y sin prejuicios. Hay opciones disponibles en español. También ofrecemos recursos adicionales, como artículos esenciales para bebés y niños pequeños (hasta los 3 años), incluyendo ropa, pañales, fórmula y otros productos necesarios.

Contacto: (920) 452-4673

Visita: anchorofhopewi.org/h-o-p-e-program/

LA AYUDA EN TRES NUMEROS



Llama al 911 en caso de emergencias como incendio, delito, accidente de auto o emergencia médica.



Llama al 988 si necesitas apoyo en una crisis de salud mental, tiene pensamientos de autolesión o sufre angustia emocional.



Llama al 211 si necesitas apoyo con vivienda, servicios públicos, cuidado infantil, alimentación, servicios legales, recuperación ante desastres y más.