

NCTC has compiled the following list of relevant resources to assist during this ongoing, challenging time. You may also locate additional needed services through the searchable <a href="NCTC Community Resources">NCTC Community Resources</a> page.

#### **FOOD, HOUSING, & FINANCIAL RESOURCES:**

- <u>Serve Denton</u> is the first step for finding help. There are multiple services such as healthcare, counseling, housing, a food bank, and more provided by a variety of nonprofits under one roof!
- <u>United Way of Denton County</u> has an extensive COVID Resource list as well as online form to connect you to one of their <u>Information and Referral experts</u>.
- <u>Christian Community Action</u> provides support through their Food Pantry, rent and utility assistance to prevent homelessness, relevant community referrals, as well as education and counseling.
- <u>Salvation Army Food Services and Emergency Assistance</u> focuses on homelessness, poverty, and addiction, serving North Texas with programs that meet the physical and social needs of our community.
- <u>Texas Workforce Commission</u> offers benefits to those whose income has been impacted by loss of employment as well as assistance with retraining and education.
- <u>FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)</u> has an application for financial assistance related to damages or expenses incurred as a result of the recent winter storm and loss of utilities.
- Zoie's Place provides housing and support services for young adults aging out of fostercare.
- AID Network of Denton has links to local agencies providing emergency rental assistance.
- First Refuge Ministries provides food, healthcare, counseling, and community referrals.
- North Texas Food Bank, Tarrant County Food Bank, and Wichita Falls Food Bank serve multiple counties and each site has a food pantry locater by zip code.
- <u>Texas Department of Agriculture</u> oversees school nutrition and food service programs.
- TWU's CARE Program has links to several North Texas Food Resources.
  - The Hope Center College Student COVID-19 Survival Guide is a must with great tips and resources!
  - <u>uAspire</u> maintains timely information to navigate the most common financial aid COVID-related questions, and <u>Swift Student</u> is offering free assistance to students for Financial Aid appeals!
  - o <u>IRS information</u> on how to receive your COVID stimulus check, even if you haven't filedtaxes
  - Contact the NCTC <u>Financial Aid Office</u> if you have completed the <u>FAFSA</u> (<u>Free Application for Federal Student Aid</u>) to see if you qualify for federal or state funds which can help with expenses, and complete the <u>Student Request for Assistance form through MyNCTC</u> to let us know what you need (*login required for online form completion*).

## STATEWIDE ASSISTANCE & REFERRAL NETWORKS:

- Texas 2-1-1 and Find Help connect you with needed resources all over the state-search by zipcode.
- <u>Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs</u> to locate short or long-term housing assistance.
- Texas Network of Youth and Family Services also has a searchable database.
- This <u>Texas Tribune article</u> has updated statewide resources as well as volunteeropportunities.
- <u>Legal Aid of Northwest Texas</u> has free videos with legal experts explaining your rights related to employment, housing, and health benefits during the COVID crisis or <u>RISE Texas</u> connects you with free education and legal volunteers.

#### **HEALTH & WELLNESS:**

- <u>LionCare</u> provides access for currently enrolled NCTC students to 24/7 medical and mental telehealth care from anywhere in the United States, 365 days a year, with no cost-no insurance required!
- <u>United Way of Denton County</u> has a 24/7 Crisis Hotline and Resources Directory.
- Texas Health and Human Services 24/7 statewide mental health support line:1-833-986-1919
- <u>Disaster Distress Helpline</u> provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to people experiencing emotional distress related to natural or human-caused disasters.
- JED Foundation has links to several resources for managing stress, anxiety, and depression.
- NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally III) offers COVID-specific resource articles and links.
- <u>Centers for Disease Control</u> and <u>American Psychological Association</u> have strategies to deal with pandemic stress.
- Coronavirus and Grief outlines a Grief Recovery Method for those experiencing loss.
- Mental Health America has COVID-19 anxiety and wellness tips.
- Online AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) and NA (Narcotics Anonymous) meetings are available.
- NCTC Wellness Webpage for great information from our counselors and local service agencies!
  - National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
  - Denton County Friends of the Family Crisis Line: Call or Text 940-382-7273 or call 1-800-572-4031
  - Abigail's Arms (Cooke County Family Crisis Center): 940-665-CURE (2873)
  - Wise Hope Shelter & Crisis Center Hotline: 940-626-4855

# WIFI, TEXTBOOKS, TUTORING, & MORE:

- <u>NCTC libraries</u> are open and still have all the online resources, journal databases, and research materials you need! You can also connect to a librarian through the <u>virtual line</u> and <u>"Ask a Librarian" any research related questions</u> through a virtual meeting!
- NCTC Bookstores offer online ordering, order pickup at your closest campus location, or get books shipped directly to you.
- Online and in-person tutoring is available for FREE through <u>NCTC Student Success!</u>
- <u>Khan Academy</u> is a free online tutoring resource, and access online student success seminars through <u>Student Lingo!</u>
- Get a free download for students to use Office 365.
- All City of Denton Library locations are open with limited capacity, however if you live in the city limits of Denton you may be eligible for an eCard and can schedule itempickup.
- Gainesville/Cooke County library is open-call ahead if you need to reserve computer time.
  - Nortex has several Wifi hotspots around the Cooke County area, and all current students can access Wifi from any NCTC campus parking lot or request assistance from our IT Help Desk.
  - Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has an updated, detailed list of all internet service providers offering discounts or free access as does Connected Nation Texas
  - o Charter and Spectrum offering free internet access to K-12 and CollegeStudents
  - Suddenlink is also offering 60 days of free service to new qualified customers
  - o Comcast has free WiFi for 60 days to low income families plus all Xfinity hot-spots are free.
  - o AT&T is offering open hot-spots, unlimited data to existing customers, and \$10/month plans.
  - o T-MOBILE unlimited smartphone data for the next 60 days for current customers.
  - o <u>SPRINT</u> will give customers on metered data plans unlimited data for 60 days and provide an additional 20 GB Mobile Hotspot per month per line.
  - METRO customers will have unlimited smartphone data for the next 60 days.
  - <u>CRICKET</u> is waiving re-activation fees, <u>VERIZON</u> is waiving fees and adding data to current plans.

### **CHILDCARE & PARENTING:**

- Woman 2 Woman Pregnancy Resource Center free resources, education, and support to women and families in need.
- <u>National Parent Helpline</u> offers emotional support from trained advocates as parenting is even more difficult during times of crisis.
- <u>Childcare Services</u> (financial assistance and locating providers) provided through Texas Childcare Solutions
- NCTC Application for Childcare assistance through the NETWORKS Program
- Family Guide virtual activities for school-age kids
- Movement and Mindfulness Videos
- DFW Child's List of Online Field Trips!
- Scholastic Learn at Home Resources

## **COVID-19 INFORMATION:**

- NCTC COVID-19 Updates
- CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Information
- World Health Organization (WHO) Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)
- Texas Health and Human Services COVID-19 information and vaccine site locaters

For more specific questions or assistance, please contact <a href="mailto:advising@nctc.edu">advising@nctc.edu</a> or text (940) 580- 1687-responses will be sent <a href="mailto:during normal business hours">during normal business hours</a>.

Be sure to download the <a href="NCTC app">NCTC app</a> and bookmark our NCTC <a href="Student Services page">Student Services page</a> to stay connected to all the people and resources you need!

