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Yellowstone County OPA staff temporarily relocated to Billings Job Service

Due to water damage at the Yellowstone County Office of Public Assistance (OPA) office in Billings, OPA staff are now serving the public from the Billings Job Service at 2121 Rosebud Drive.

DPHHS director Anna Whiting Sorrell said Yellowstone County OPA office staff will be working at the temporary location for the next several weeks. "We really appreciate the Billings Job Service opening their doors to us so quickly on such short notice," Whiting Sorrell said. "Their cooperation has allowed the Yellowstone County OPA to continue helping Montana residents without interruption."

Yellowstone County OPA director Brenda Rush said for the most part the change in location is really the only difference people should notice. Those needing assistance can apply multiple ways:

- **Apply for public assistance on-line at dphhs.mt.gov.** Apply for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Medicaid, Healthy Montana Kids and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.
- **Visit OPA staff at the Billings Job Service, 2121 Rosebud Drive.** Yellowstone County OPA employees are working normal hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday at this **temporary location** to assist anyone who needs public assistance.
- **For assistance call (406) 655-6094.** This is the **new temporary main phone line** for the Yellowstone OPA. People can also call **694-4240** or **694-4235** for assistance. In addition, existing clients are encouraged to call their case manager directly using their usual contact information.
- The Yellowstone County OPA mailing address **remains the same**: 111 North 31st Street, Billings MT 59101.

The Yellowstone County OPA office, located at 111 North 31st Street, suffered water damage on May 24 when water leaked through the roof. "The entire office wasn't damaged, but we decided it would be most efficient to close this location while repairs are made," Rush said. "We're looking forward to moving back into our usual location. We really appreciate the general public's patience during this time."

Rush said walls, flooring, computers, monitors and printers were damaged and some will have to be replaced.