

# THE ANTI-HUNGER

June 2003

# ADVOCATE

Brought to you by the Anti-Hunger Action Committee of Crossroads Urban Center  
347 South 400 East, Salt Lake City 1-888-747-8482 or 364-7765  
*The Anti-Hunger Action Committee (AHAC) organizes low-income individuals and their allies to take action on their own behalf to improve the social safety net and promote better jobs.*

## Meet with the Utah Director of Medicaid!

### Medicaid helps keep Utahns healthy.

Utah has a three month certification period for most Medicaid households. We think it should be longer. We also think ALL Medicaid recipients should get vision and dental benefits. If you think Utah's Medicaid Program has room for improvement, come talk about it at the June AHAC Event!

Tuesday, June 17th  
6pm

**Crossroads Urban Center**  
347 South 400 East

Refreshments Provided!  
Children are welcome at the meeting.  
Call Mandi for more information at 364-7765.

## Raise the Bus Fare? NO!!!



At the UTA Public Hearing, AHAC members give UTA a big thumbs down over their proposed bus fare increase. Members also wore neon green stickers that bore an anti- $\$1.50$  symbol to further show their disgust with the proposed increase.

UTA is considering raising the one-way bus fare from  $\$1.25$  to  $\$1.50$ . AHAC spoke against this proposed fare increase at a public hearing on May 15th. Dan testified, "It doesn't make sense to increase fares to increase ridership. Raising fares will absolutely decrease use of UTA." Darla added, "Some people who need the bus will not be able to afford the increase and will be forced to walk." David also added, "My income does not rise as fast as UTA wants their income to increase."

**Tell the Salt Lake City Representative on UTA's Board that bus fare should not be increased.**  
Call Biao Chang at 328-2195.

and

**Don't let the final decision be made in secret!**  
**Attend the UTA Board Meeting with AHAC on June 25th at 2:30pm.**

Call Bill at 364-7765 for more info!

# Free Summer Food Programs!

Summer meals are available to all children ages 18 or younger from June 16-August 20.

No Fee!

No Registration!

For a Summer Food Program site near you, call 584-2907.

*Both breakfast and lunch are available at most sites.*

## IS YOUR TELEPHONE BILL TOO HIGH?

If you and your family are eligible for food stamps or other assistance programs, you can apply to the phone company for a discount on your phone bill!

Applications for the Utah Telephone Assistance Program are available in the lobby of Crossroads Urban Center.

For more information, call Bill or Mandi at 364-7765.



## Disability Benefits and You

Tom McWhorter, an attorney with Utah Legal Services, spoke to a packed room at May's AHAC Events about good things to know when applying for Social Security Disability. There was also plenty of time devoted to questions from those in attendance at the meeting.

*Thanks Tom  
for speaking  
at June's  
Event!*

**Utah Legal Services helps people applying for Social Security Disability with the appeals process.**

**For more info, call 328-8891.**

## Good Things to Know about Food Stamps

- You have the right to be treated with courtesy, dignity and respect.
- You don't need to have a birth certificate if you are only applying for food stamps.
- Make an extra copy of the stuff you turn into DWS, have DWS date stamp it, and keep it for your records.
- Benefits are required to be issued to you within 7 days or 30 days of your application, it just depends on your situation.
- If you have an employment plan at DWS, they can help you with transportation by giving you money for a bus pass or gas. Just ask your employment counselor!
- Have a comment? Call the DWS comment line at 1-800-331-4341 and let them know!
- Call Mandi or Bill at 364-7765 if you want help with your food stamp case.