



# CommUnify

Celebrating **55** years!

## Community Services

### Toward a thriving and resilient community...

CommUnify brings the right resources, partners, and tools together to address individualized needs. Participants in our Family Self-Sufficiency program receive intensive case management to help them overcome barriers in education, housing, employment, and job training. Our Economic Empowerment program provides tools and strategies to help families with young children achieve financial stability and independence. CommUnify's Utility and Rental Payment Assistance programs and Weatherization services prevent homelessness and keep residents safe and comfortable in their homes.

We also operate the free and confidential 2-1-1 helpline, available to any Santa Barbara County resident who needs resources and information. We refer callers to support groups, crisis hotlines, drug treatment, legal assistance, emergency information during disasters, shelter, transition housing, and more.

**2-1-1 Santa Barbara County**

**Economic Empowerment  
Program**

**Energy and Weatherization  
Program**

**Family Self-Sufficiency Program**

**Rental Payment Assistance**

**Utility Payment Assistance  
(LIHEAP)**

### Did you know?

Every year our 2-1-1  
helpline answers  
over **20,000** calls.



# CommUnify Changes Lives



A problem can easily become a crisis in a family that is struggling with their finances. Mercedes had such a setback when her daughter unexpectedly needed surgery. Missing a few days of work to care for her daughter meant Mercedes earned less money. With the help and encouragement of our **Family Self-Sufficiency Program**, she has received utility assistance and short-term rental assistance. “My goal to be in control of the family budget and manage money more effectively is taking shape,” said Mercedes. 🌐



Without power on the morning of January 9th, 2018, Lynda and Don did not immediately understand the full extent of the mud and debris flow in Montecito. “We didn’t know whether we should stay or leave because we didn’t have access to any information,” said Lynda. “So that’s when I called **2-1-1 Santa Barbara County**. I was very happy to talk to a real person. I felt like I had somebody on our side.” It was the first of several calls to the helpline as they toughed it out in their powerless home for days. 🌐

*“Every county needs a robust system for information, emergency preparedness and recovery. 2-1-1 Santa Barbara County is that system.”*

**MICHAEL PETERSON**, FORMER CO-CHAIR,  
VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATION ACTIVE IN  
DISASTER (VOAD)

## It starts with you.

Your investment in our work enables us to create a thriving community where everyone can live with dignity. We invite you to support us.

**For more information on how you can support CommUnify, please contact:**

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CommUnify's services are offered countywide.  
We have offices in Santa Maria, Lompoc and Goleta.

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Uniting our community against poverty since 1967.