

Rural Resource Guide

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Project Statement-

Pathfinders asked us to compile resources to help with:

Employment

Educational Retention

Mental and Physical Health



Issue Statement

Resource guides must be compiled into a single, digital format that is easily accessible.

Rural communities today face two large barriers:

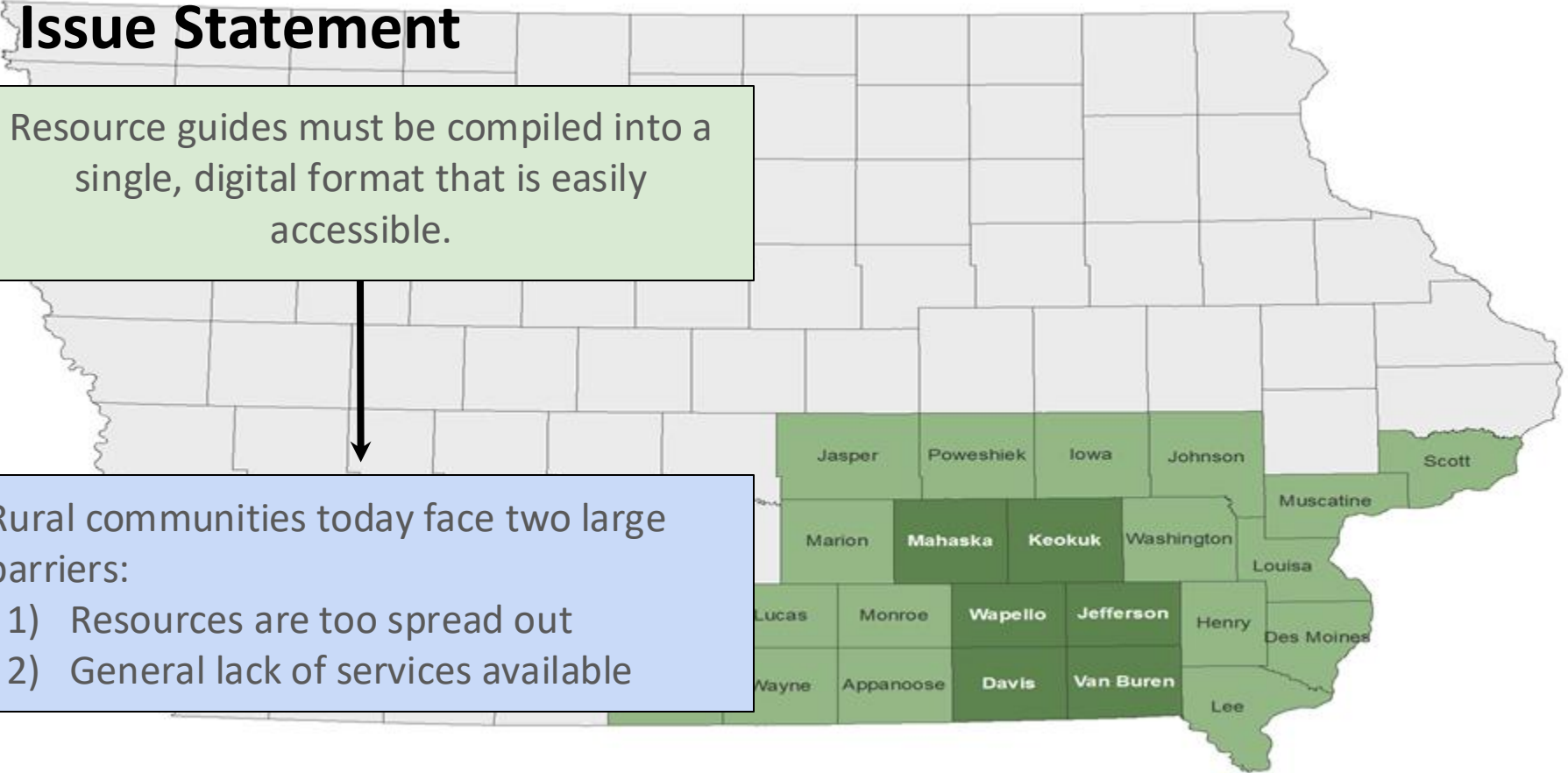
- 1) Resources are too spread out
- 2) General lack of services available



Pathfinders core service area

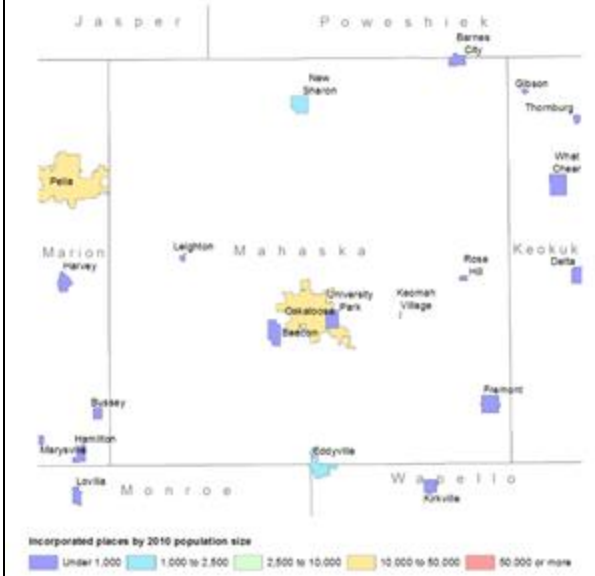


Pathfinders secondary service area

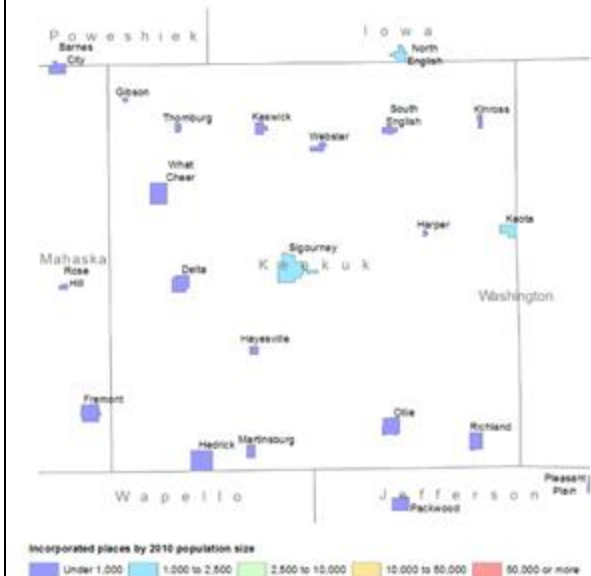




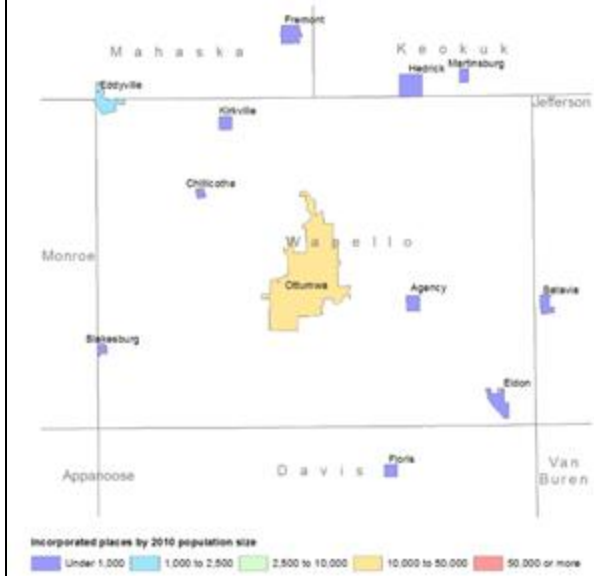
Mahaska County (19123)



Keokuk County (19107)



Wapello County (19179)



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What do you need help with?

Q Search in Nebraska and Iowa

📍 Fairfield, Iowa, United States × 5 Miles

📍 Use my location

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ADOLESCENT/ADULT IMMUNIZATIONS | JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

📍 0.2 Miles

Provides Flu, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Tetanus, MMR vaccines.

📞 (641) 472-5929

📍 200 West Briggs, Fairfield, IA, 52556

🌐 <https://jeffersoncounty.iowa.gov>

Categories

General Immunization



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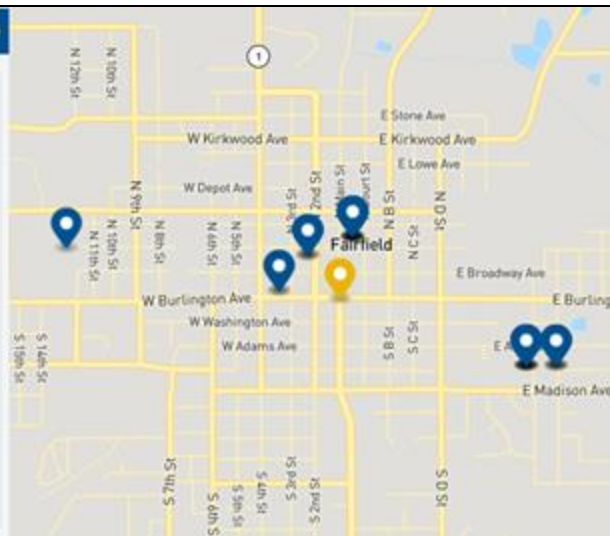


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📍 Packwood, Iowa, United States

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CRISIS TEXT SERVICE | CRISIS TEXT LINE



Free, confidential, 24/7 mental health and crisis support via text message, WhatsApp, and chat.

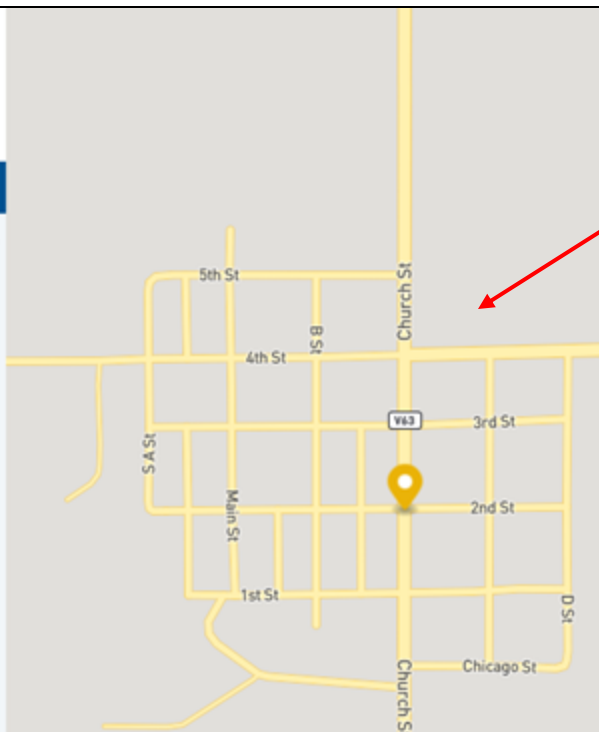
Volunteer Crisis Counselors complete a 15-hour virtual training and have 24/7 supervision by full-time Crisis Text Line mental health professionals.

Contact WhatsApp by texting to be connected to a trained volunteer Crisis Counselor in English.

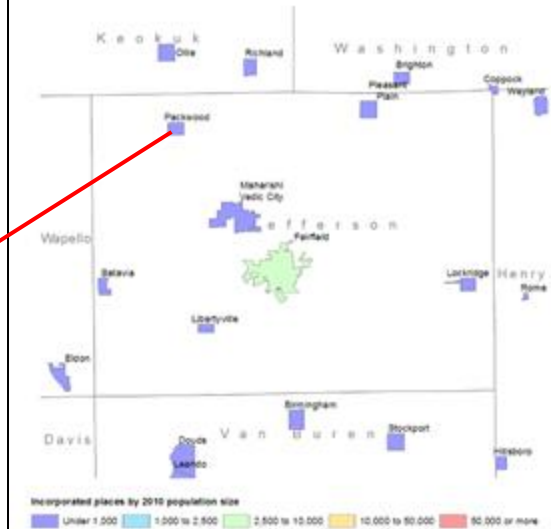
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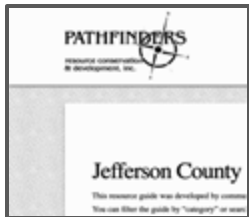
🌐 <https://www.crisistextline.org>



Jefferson County (19101)



Current Efforts



<p><u>Mahaska</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website directory of Resources • Location of Physical Resources/ Services 	<p><u>Wapello</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website with emergency/ disaster info
<p><u>Davis</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website directory of 50+ resources • 2nd website provides additional info 	<p><u>Keokuk</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alphabetically listed resource guide on website
<p><u>Jefferson</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No individual website resource guide • Resources guide located on Pathfinders website 	<p><u>Van Buren</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website of community service directory; with current events

Policy Recommendation 1

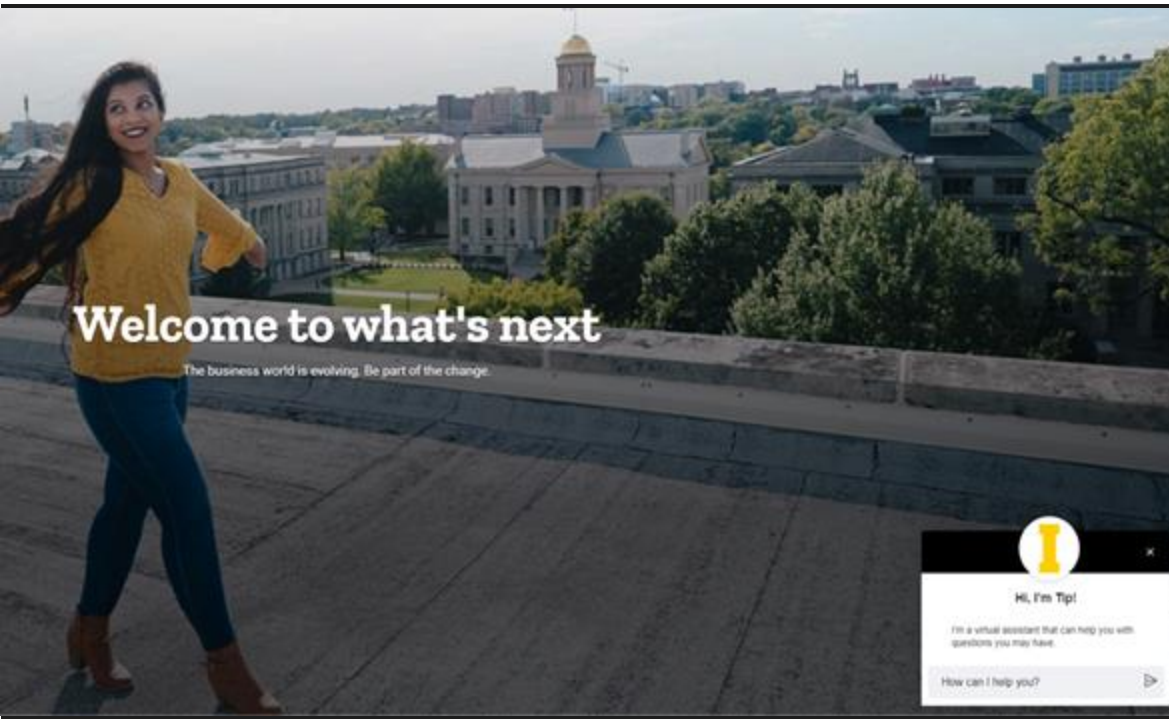
Consolidation of Resources:

1. Digitization of Pathfinders physical resource binder
1. Listing relevant 211 informative resources
1. Combine all resource into one location

The screenshot shows a spreadsheet titled "Resource Spreadsheet" with the following data:

Name	Organization	Program	City	County	Services
Davis C	Sieda Communit	FADSS	Oskaloosa	Mahaska	Offers a progr 114 North Ma https://www.sr
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Davis C	First Resources	Crisis Stabilizat	Oskaloosa	Mahaska	Offers a comm 117 North 1st S https://www.fr3r
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Davis C	United Way of M	Winter Coat Driv	Oskaloosa	Mahaska	Accepts donat 102 1st Avenu https://www.4r
Davis C	Oskaloosa City	City Section 8 H	Oskaloosa	Mahaska	Provides low- 108 1st Avenu
Davis C	Mahaska County	Thrift Store	Oskaloosa	Mahaska	Provides cloth 114 North 1st https://www.sr
Davis C	Mahaska County	Recreational Fax	Oskaloosa	Mahaska	Provides adul 3rd Street Aq https://www.m
Mahaska County	Team Sports	DeKalones	Mahaska	Mahaska	Provides adul 3rd Stree https://www.m

Policy Recommendation 2



Create an accessible website and implement AI features

A website can be made that will include

- User friendly features
- AI implementations
- A sizeable, manageable, and navigable set of resources

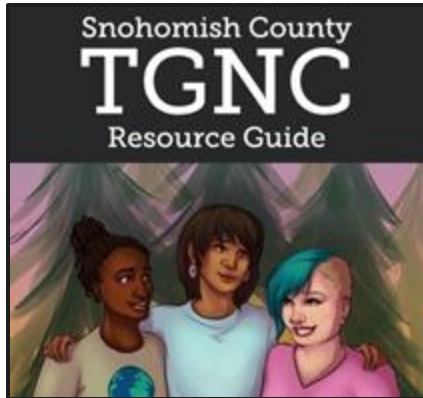


Pictured to the above is a University of Iowa website that uses AI features

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- Includes leisure and recreational resources



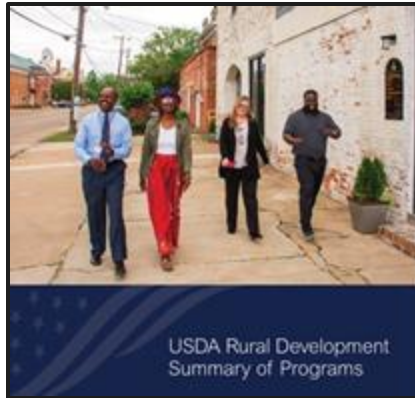
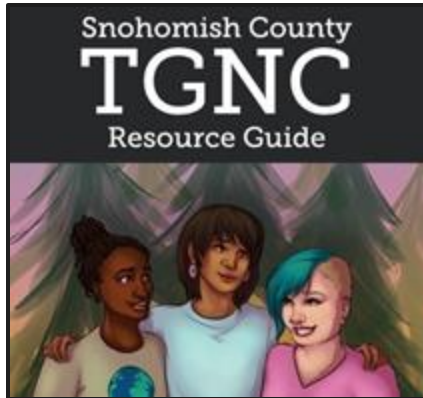
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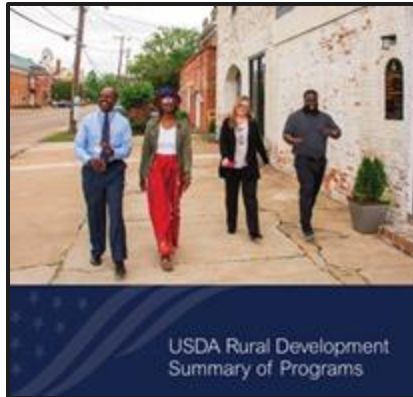
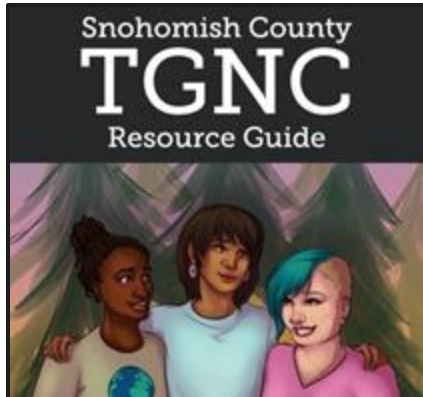
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Guide created for disabled Oklahomans:

- Explicitly describes its intended audience



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