Mission: To advocate for policies and services that benefit those striving for economic security.

Vision: ICAA is the premier force ensuring those with less, achieve more.
Iowa Community Action Agencies (CAAs)

Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc.
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Mid-Sioux Opportunity
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“LIHEAP helped with my heating bill, which allowed me to use that money for groceries and other bills.”

Doris - Dubuque, Iowa
Community Action Agencies create solutions that improve people's lives, homes, communities, and the nation.

**Poverty in Iowa**
- 326,000 people in Iowa live at 100% of the FPL

**Iowa Community Action**
- 308,000 Iowans served by Community Action
Children are more likely than adults to live in poverty in America. By addressing the needs of the whole family, Community Action is opening doors for parents and their children.

Iowa Community Action’s Impact

- **11.9%** of Iowa’s children live in a household below the poverty line
- **41%** of Iowans served by Community Action were under the age of 18
- **5,471** Iowa children (ages 0-5) became school ready
- **4,480** Iowans improved their parenting skills
The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps eligible low-income Iowans with a portion of their residential heating costs.

**Priority Populations**
- 20.5% had a child under 6
- 34% had an elderly member
- 53% had a disabled member

**Statistics**
- 1,255 Homes weatherized
- 83,027 Households served
- $470 Average utility payment
- Electricity savings averaged 786 kWh for 1,255 dwellings
- Natural gas savings averaged 240 therms for 1,055 dwellings

The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) improves a home’s energy efficiency, as well as the health and safety of people with a low income.
Community Action Agencies are local and receive a range of public and private resources. This includes funding from the federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).

For every $1 of CSBG funds, Iowa Community Action Agencies leverage $4.70 from non-federal funding sources.
Health and well-being are essential for economic success. Iowa Community Action Agencies provide assistance for Governor declared disasters, some agencies use CSBG funds to meet recovery needs.

2,600 Families reached out to Community Action following a natural disaster in 2018.

$5M In state assistance was administered by Iowa Community Action Agencies, helping Iowans with a low income recover from disasters.

56 Iowa counties had at least one disaster declaration in 2018.
Community Action Agencies Serving all 99 Iowa Counties

Community Action Agency of Siouxland
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Community Action of Eastern Iowa
Roger Pavey, rpavey@caiowa.org
Counties: Cedar, Clinton, Muscatine, Scott

Community Action of Southeast Iowa
Sheri Wilson, sheri.Wilson@caofseia.org
Counties: Des Moines, Henry, Lee, Louisa

Hawkeye Area Community Action Program
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Counties: Benton, Iowa, Linn, Johnson, Jones, Washington

IMPACT Community Action Partnership
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Counties: Boone, Jasper, Marion, Polk, Warren

MATURA Action Corporation
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Counties: Adair, Adams, Madison, Ringgold, Taylor, Union

Mid-Iowa Community Action
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Counties: Hardin, Marshall, Poweshiek, Story, Tama

Mid-Sioux Opportunity
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Counties: Cherokee, Ida, Lyon, Plymouth, Sioux

New Opportunities, Inc.
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Counties: Audubon, Calhoun, Carroll, Dallas, Greene, Guthrie, Sac
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North Iowa Community Action Organization
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Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation
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Operation: New View Community Action Agency
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Counties: Delaware, Dubuque, Jackson

Operation Threshold
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Counties: Black Hawk, Buchanan, Grundy

Sieda Community Action
Brian Dunn, bdunn@sieda.org
Counties: Appanoose, Davis, Jefferson, Keokuk, Mahaska, Van Buren, Wapello

South Central Iowa Community Action Program
Brenda Fry, bfry@scicap.org
Counties: Clarke, Decatur, Lucas, Monroe, Wayne

Upper Des Moines Opportunity
Jamey Whitney, jwhitney@udmo.com
Counties: Buena Vista, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Hamilton, Humboldt, O’Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Webster, Wright

West Central Community Action
Wendy Mueller, wmueller@westcca.org
Counties: Cass, Crawford, Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Monona, Montgomery, Page, Pottawattamie, Shelby
Community Action: Serving Your Constituents

122,943 Families  127,786 Children  6,991 Veterans

% by age

- 18-59: 45.6%
- 0-17: 41.6%
- 60+: 12.7%

% served

- Up to 50% FPL
- 51% - 100% FPL
- 101% - 200% FPL
Getting and keeping a full-time job that can support a family can be a barrier to success. Many served by Community Action are employed or retired.

- **52%** Income from Employment
- **30%** Retirement Income from Social Security
In September 2018, Community Action of Eastern Iowa embarked on a new service – a **24/7 Food Pantry**. The food pantry makes food available to area residents around the clock and provides two days of food per household member. To date, approximately **300 families** have been served.

**Meeting the Needs of the Community**

“I have no transportation and I am disabled. I called Community Action of Eastern Iowa for food and they delivered right to my door. I found out about this service through my local mental health center. It was such a relief to know that I would have enough food.”

– Participant

“We are working with the local Salvation Army to find housing and are currently staying in a hotel. We needed food for one day. I am glad you have this service. I did not want my kids to go hungry.”

– Participant
Kayla and her daughter, Bailey, live in Shenandoah, Iowa. Kayla works full-time with patients with mental disabilities. Her hours vary from paycheck to paycheck and when she was short on hours paying her bills would be very hard. At one point Kayla’s income was slightly over the eligibility for Medicare and was no longer allowed access. Bailey has ADHD and requires daily medication to help her focus but the new insurance wouldn’t cover the medication. This was a struggle for the family because Kayla was unable to get her daughter the medication she needed.

West Central Community Action (WCCA) connected Kayla to a program which covered the cost the medication. There was no way she could afford the necessary medication without coverage. We are happy to report the insurance company is now covering Bailey’s medication. Kayla says it has taken a weight of her shoulders and she appreciates everything the program has done for her and her daughter.

Health and Well-Being
In 2014, Northeast Iowa Community Action built three homes in our Lease Purchase Program. One applicant was a recently divorced single mother. After reviewing several applications, we selected this family for a house. They were determined to move forward. The program helped provide them with a stable, secure environment and a chance for a healthy fresh start.

The family participated in homebuyer education, and began making the house their home. They enjoy living in the house, and worked with the agency to prepare for homeownership. She purchased the home just one year after the date they moved in. When asked if she would refer the program to a friend she said, “Yes. I think the program was an amazing opportunity. I wish there was more. I’m sure there are a lot of other single moms struggling to make ends meet and wish they could have the freedom and opportunity to give their children a home of their own.” This family found stability after a difficult relocation process, thanks to Community Action.
Community Action’s Impact:
America’s Community Action Agencies embody our nation’s spirit of hope, change people’s lives, and improve communities. We promote workable solutions that connect more families to opportunity – and make America a better place to live for everyone.

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