

Iowa Community Action



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District 1




ICAA Member Agencies

We are a network of 17 local Community Action Agencies serving all 99 counties in Iowa. The agencies all embrace a similar mission and together aim to create sustainable opportunities and provide valuable resources for Iowans with a low income. We continue to grow and develop new services to help people realize a greater sense of self-sufficiency. The agencies assist individuals and families in need and build stronger, thriving communities all across Iowa.

ICAA's Mission & Vision

ICAA's mission is to be a forceful advocate in support of policies and services that address the needs of individuals and families striving for economic security. Our vision is to be the premier force ensuring those with less achieve more.

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Visit with Operation: New View Community Action Agency 2017

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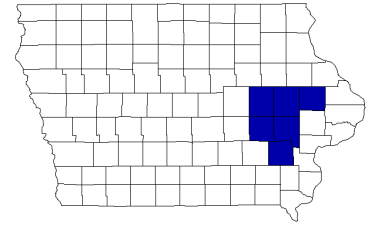
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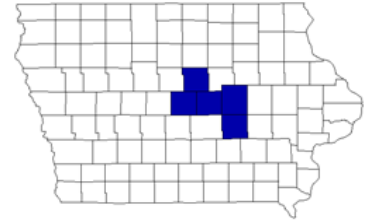
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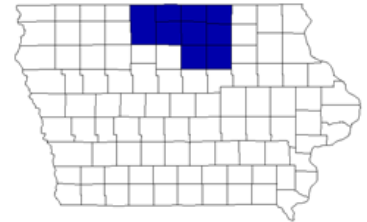
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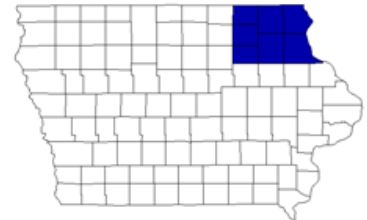
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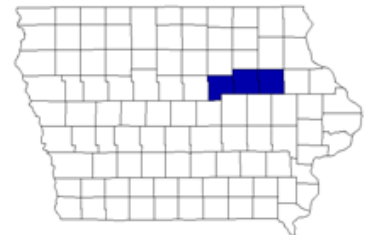
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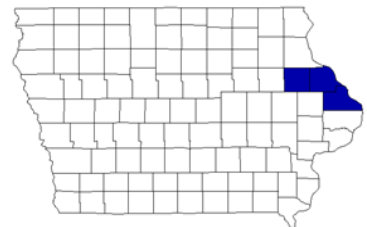
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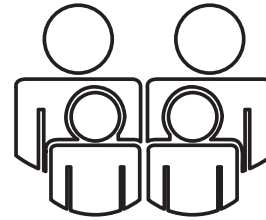
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

CSBG is a federal, anti-poverty block grant which funds the operations of a state-administered network consisting of more than 1,000 agencies that create, coordinate and deliver programs and services to Americans with a low income in 99% of the nation's counties



\$4.67

Average amount leveraged from non-federal sources for every \$1 of Iowa CSBG



27,123

Households served by the CSBG network in District 1

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

LIHEAP helps eligible households with a portion of their residential heating costs



19,769

Households served in District 1



\$470

Average annual utility payment in Iowa



Priority Populations

20.3% had a child under 6

32.3% had an elderly member

54% had a disabled member

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

WAP improves a home's energy efficiency as well as the health and safety of people with a low income



\$293

Average first year savings per Iowa household



1,522

Iowa homes weatherized in FFY 2016



\$1.68

Average amount leveraged from Iowa utility companies for each \$1 of DOE funds

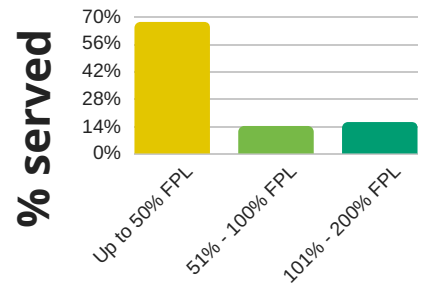
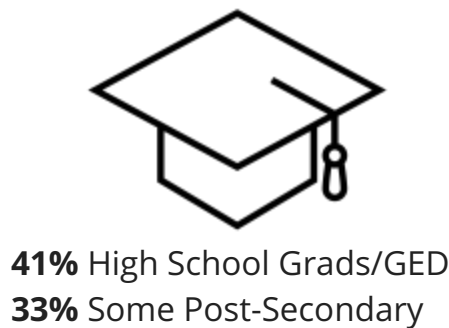
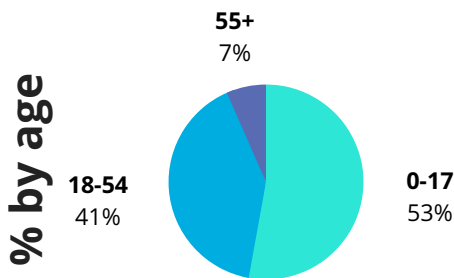
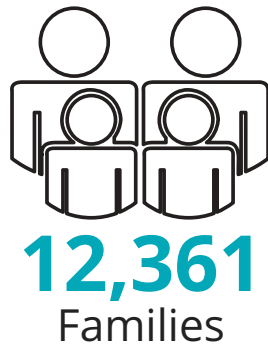
Hawkeye Area Community Action Program

Counties served in District 1: Benton, Iowa, Linn and Jones

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Chris and Donna are residents of Cedar Rapids and relocated to the area when they retired in order to be closer to their daughter. They are both physically **disabled and unable to work** and they must **rely on social security and Chris' retirement for income**. Through the process of buying a modest home, relocating, and making necessary repairs, their savings account dwindled. They visited HACAP and were eligible for assistance through **LIHEAP and WAP**. LIHEAP helped by freeing up some income to be put towards other necessities and the energy efficiency measures installed through WAP lowers their monthly utility payments. Both of these programs will help Chris and Donna as they budget for their future.

Who We Serve



Household Income Sources



Mid-Iowa Community Action

Counties served in District 1: Marshall, Poweshiek and Tama

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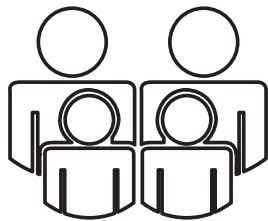
Bobcat University, formerly called Rogers University, is an intensive summer learning program within the Marshalltown Community School District coordinated by Mid-Iowa Community Action (MICA) that aims to **bridge the summer learning gap**, particularly for low to moderate-income students. The program has resulted in a **20% increase in third-grade reading scores** at Rogers Elementary over the past 6 years. The program will now be offered to all elementary schools in the school district in the summer of 2018. The program works with numerous community partners to provide additional enrichment activities to the children as well. **MICA utilizes CSBG** dollars to fund a portion of the program.

Who We Serve



90

Veterans



2,918
Families

2.9

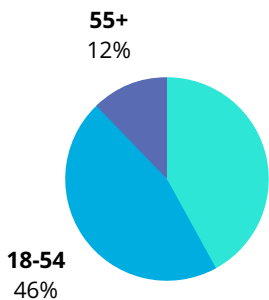
Average
family size



1,417

Individuals with
a disability

% by age

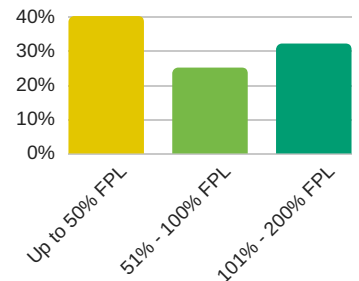


0-17
42%



47% High School Grads/GED
27% Some Post-Secondary

% served



Household Income Sources



44%

Employed



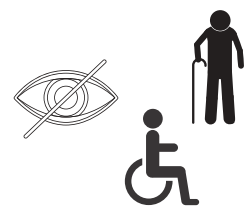
20%

Received
retirement
benefits



78

Received TANF



356

Received
Supplemental Security
Income (SSI)

North Iowa Community Action Organization

Counties served in District 1: Mitchell and Worth

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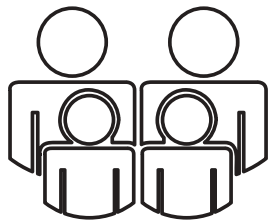
North Iowa Community Action Organization teamed up with local partners to address a barrier in their service area - **transportation**. The **Wheels for Work** program helps local families in need by providing **reliable vehicles and financial literacy**. One participant, Tomica, used to spend at least \$10 a day on public transit to get to work. Now she has a reliable vehicle to get to work and her children's school activities. **Vehicles are donated** by a local motor company and program funding comes from various local sources. A family may be referred to Wheels for Work by an Outreach program, which is funded through CSBG.

Who We Serve



49

Veterans



527

Families

1.9

Average family size



280

Individuals with a disability

% by age

55+
35%



0-17
30%

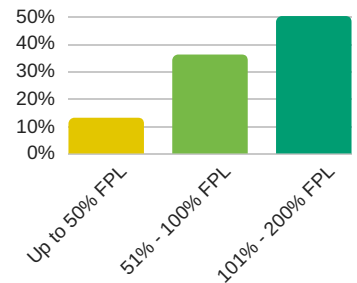
18-54
35%



57% High School Grads/GED

30% Some Post-Secondary

% served



Household Income Sources



40%

Employed



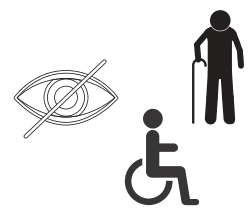
67%

Received retirement benefits



16

Received TANF



65

Received Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation

Counties served in District 1: Allamakee, Bremer, Clayton, Fayette, Howard and Winneshiek

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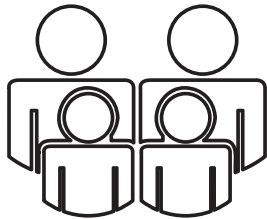
Sheila Bennett resides in Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation's service area. When a rise in the price of gas coincided with a cut in her hours at work, the **cost of transportation was becoming a challenge**. Sheila works with individuals with special needs and she requires reliable transportation to see her clients. She visited Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation and qualified for **LIHEAP**. She received assistance in paying a portion of her home energy bill, which then allowed her enough in her budget to buy gas and continue working. **Thanks to LIHEAP, Sheila continued earning a paycheck doing the work she loves.**

Who We Serve



90

Veterans



2,815

Families

2.7

Average family size

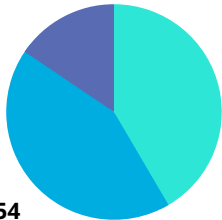


1,977

Individuals with a disability

% by age

55+
16%



0-17
42%

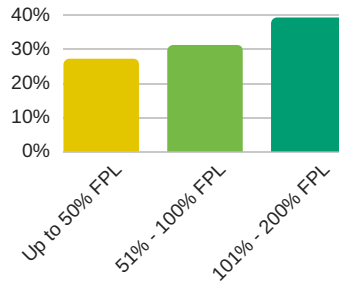
18-54
43%



51% High School Grads/GED

30% Some Post-Secondary

% served



Household Income Sources



53%

Employed



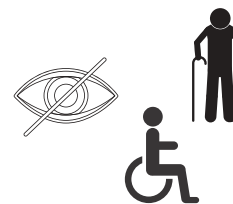
33%

Received retirement benefits



125

Received TANF



396

Received Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Operation: New View Community Action Agency



Counties served in District 1: Delaware, Dubuque and Jackson

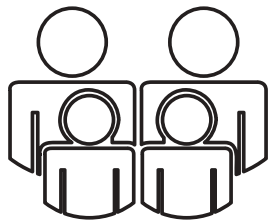
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Doris is a resident of Dubuque living alone in an older home. When she was **struggling to pay for food and heat**, Doris went to Operation: New View Community Action Agency and applied for **LIHEAP**. LIHEAP paid a portion of her utility payment, which allowed her to afford other necessities like food. She also qualified for **WAP** and received energy efficiency upgrades to her home that help to reduce her annual energy costs and improve the health and safety of her home.

Who We Serve



111
Veterans



5,537
Families

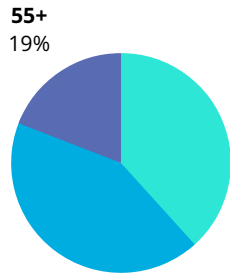
2.4

Average family size



3,178
Individuals with a disability

% by age



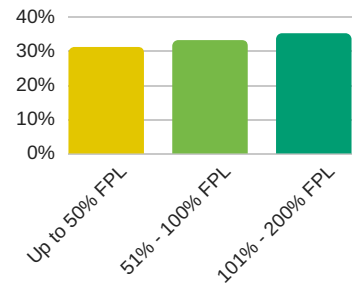
0-17
38%

18-54
43%



48% High School Grads/GED
25% Some Post-Secondary

% served



Household Income Sources



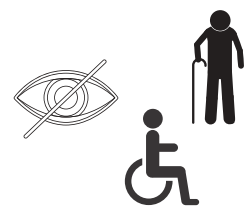
39%
Employed



40%
Received retirement benefits



145
Received TANF



771
Received Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Operation Threshold

Counties served in District 1: Blackhawk and Buchanan

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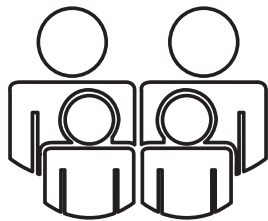
Sharon lives with her husband and children in Operation Threshold's service area. When she was using **multiple air conditioners in the summertime and it was still too hot** inside her home, Sharon visited Operation Threshold. **WAP** was able to help Sharon and her family by installing much needed **insulation, a new water heater and furnace**. The WAP crew also found that the electrical wiring in Sharon's home was **old and dangerous** so the wiring was updated. As a first time homeowner, Sharon was extremely relieved and grateful for Operation Threshold and the WAP saying, "I just feel so blessed."

Who We Serve



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Veterans



2,965

Families

2.8

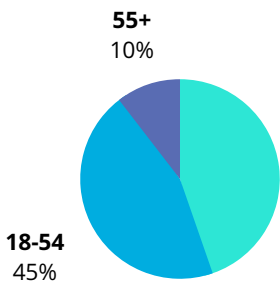
Average family size



1,392

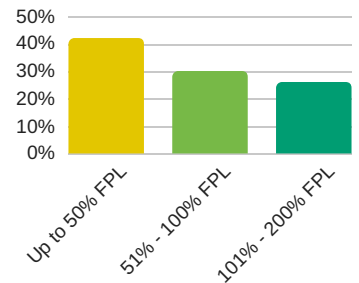
Individuals with a disability

% by age



51% High School Grads/GED
25% Some Post-Secondary

% served



Household Income Sources



41%

Employed



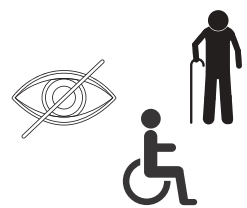
24%

Received retirement benefits



188

Received TANF



507

Received Supplemental Security Income (SSI)