



IOWA COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK

District 2



ICAA Member Agencies

We are a network of 16 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 lowans 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, & Purpose

Mission

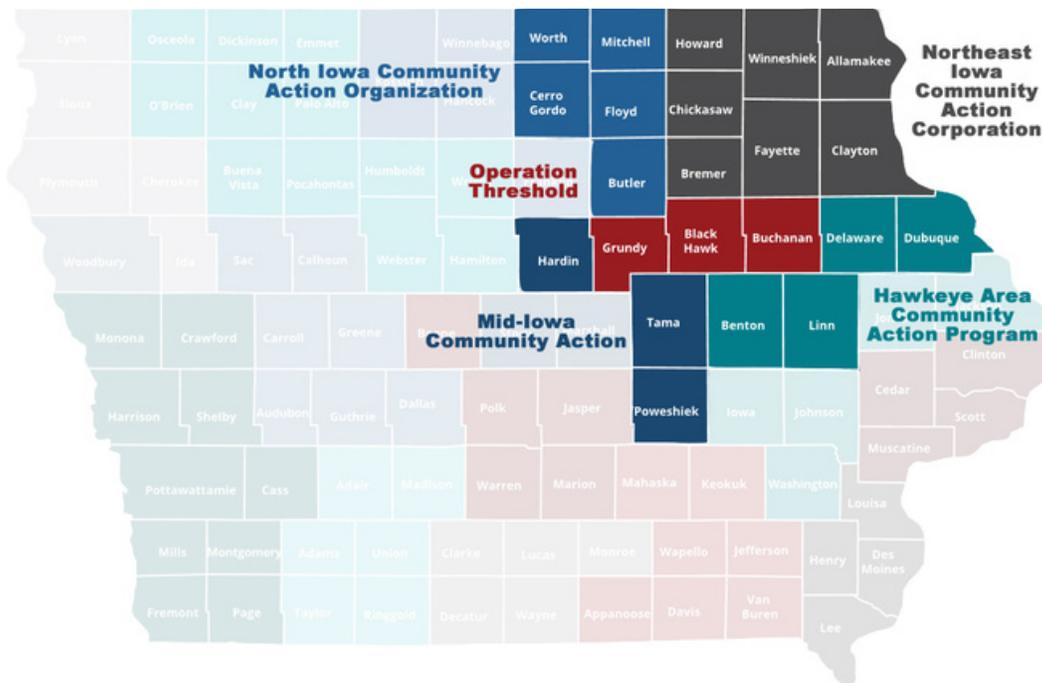
Educating, advocating for, and connecting Community Action Agencies to amplify a unified voice in service of lowans facing economic hardship.

Vision

Iowa Community Action is the premier force ensuring those with less achieve more.

Purpose

Empowering the Community Action Network to alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty.



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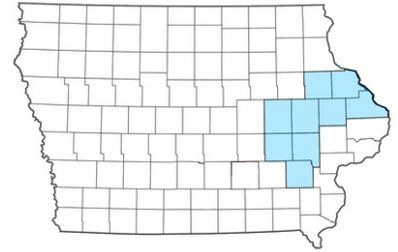
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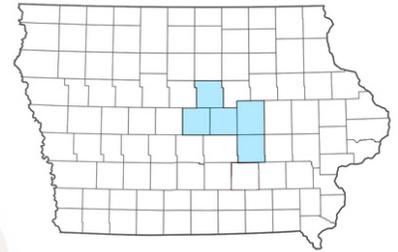
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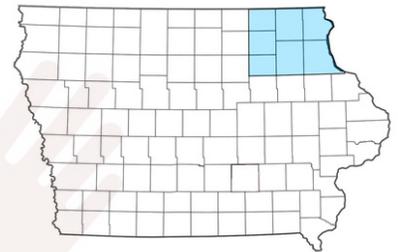
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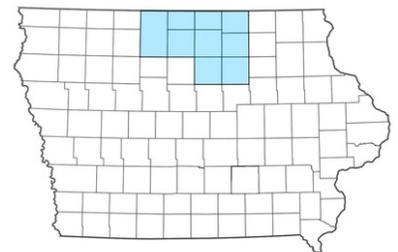
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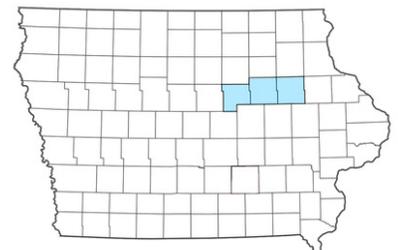
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Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

CSBG is a federal, anti-poverty block grant which funds the operations of a state-administered network consisting of more than 1,000 Community Action agencies nationwide.



\$4.27

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



120,720

Households served by the Iowa CSBG network.

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

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



112,451

Households served in Iowa during Fiscal Year 2022.



\$800

Average annual utility payment in Iowa in FY2022.



Priority Customers

18% had a child under 6
38% had an elderly member
49% had a disabled member

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

WAP is a low-income energy efficiency program administered by the Department of Energy (DOE). Its purpose is to make the homes of low-income clients more energy efficient, thereby reducing the households' energy bills.



\$423

Average first year savings per Iowa household.



926

Iowa homes weatherized in 2021.



Priority Customers

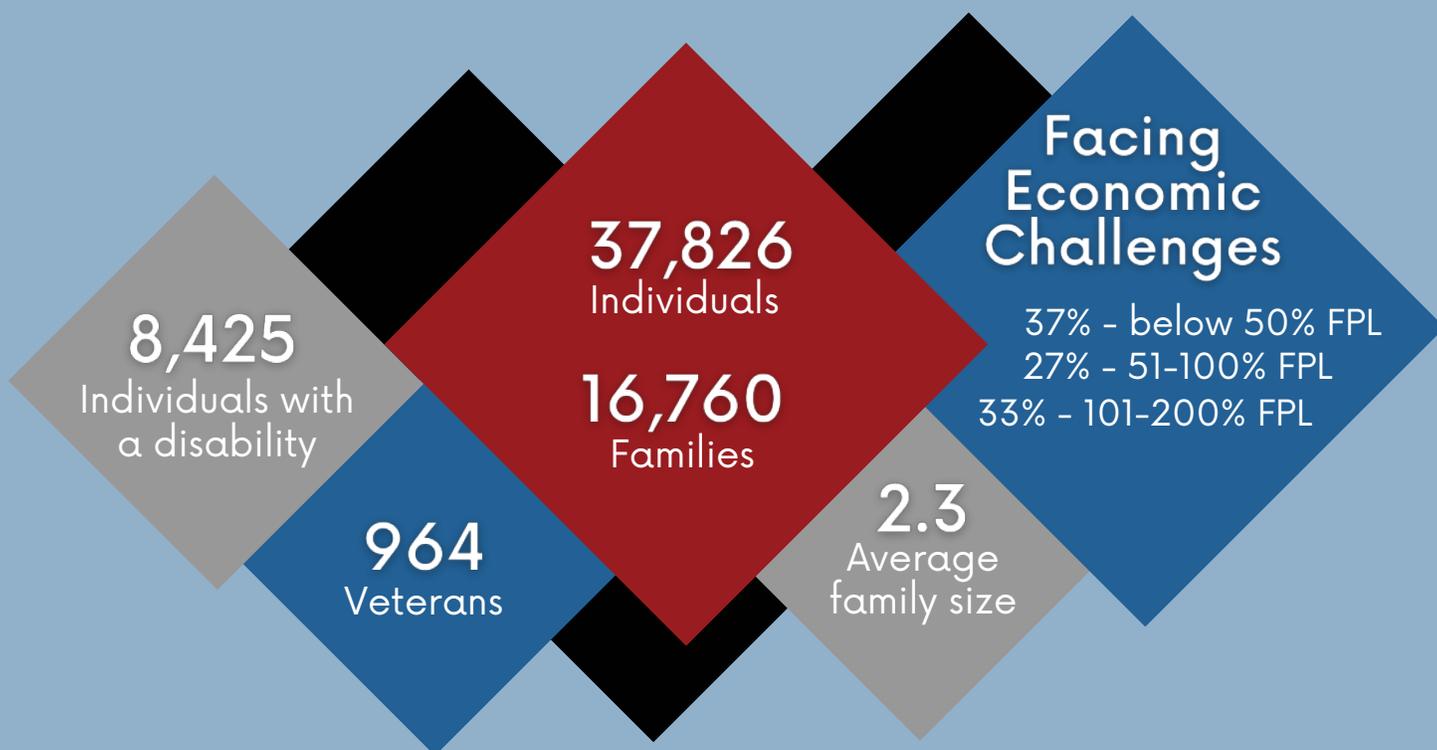
14% had young children
43% had an elderly member
30% had a disabled member

Hawkeye Area Community Action Partnership

Counties Served in District 1:
Iowa • Jackson • Jones • Johnson • Washington

Heidi moved to Iowa in 2006 from Massachusetts with a dream to rehab an old home. When she saw a house in Iowa County at an estate sale, she knew it was perfect. However, while old homes come with many features to be desired and a charm that makes you feel good just being inside, there is one feature that sets many homeowners back - utility bills. With the help of the weatherization program, she went from seeing her breath in the winter and astronomical bills to a cozy and warm home at half the cost. "I don't feel so pressured, and my money is going where it needs to go, not out the window," Heidi said. The reduction of the expenses has also freed Heidi up to get back to what she loves, fixing the house.

Who We Served



Household Income Sources



33%
Employed



20%
Received
retirement benefits



62
Received TANF



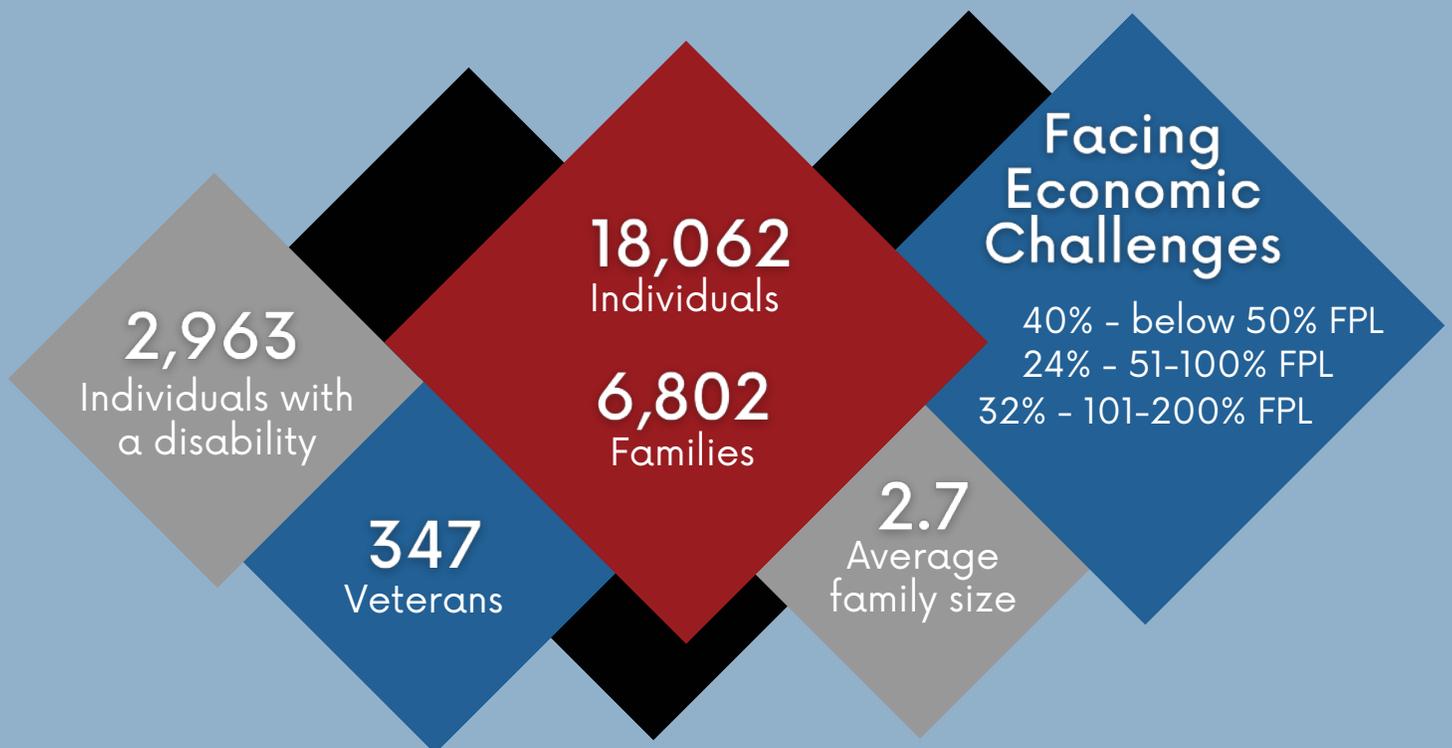
2,316
Received
Supplemental Security
Income (SSI)

Mid-Iowa Community Action

Counties Served in District 2: Hardin • Poweshiek • Tama

In addition to MICA's service delivery of programs such as Head Start, Energy Assistance, Food pantries, WIC, and Weatherization MICA is highly focused on three high-level change efforts. These efforts are focused on data, resiliency, and advancing equity. To do this work, MICA has created three learning communities serving as change leaders. Through these cross-sector representatives of our agency, staff are working to seamlessly integrate services, improve the mental health and well-being of those served (and staff), and address issues related to diversity, equity, and inclusion. CSBG dollars have highly supported these change efforts.

Who We Served



Household Income Sources



37%
Employed



21
Received retirement benefits



82
Received TANF



572
Received Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

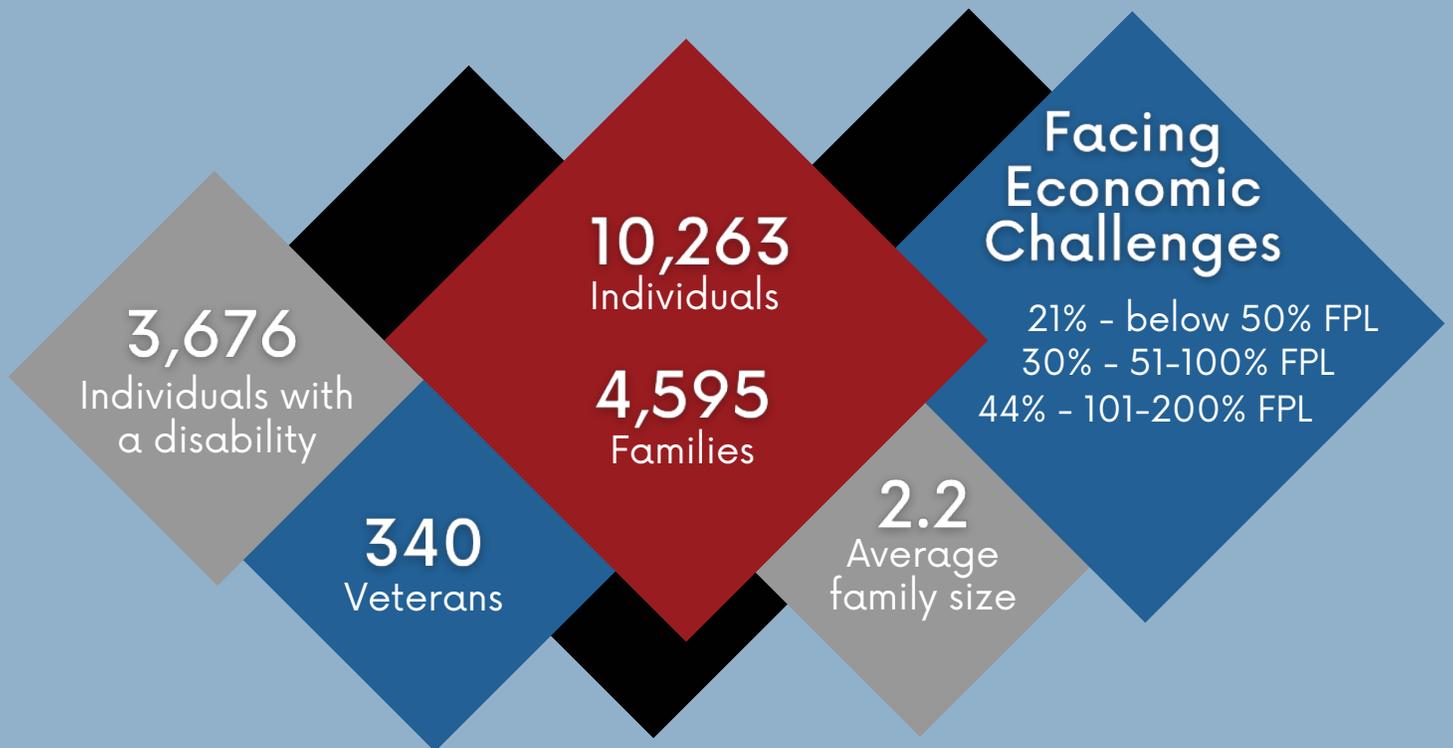
Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation

Counties Served in District 2:

Allamakee • Bremer • Chickasaw • Clayton • Fayette • Howard • Winneshiek

One component of NEICAC's Crisis Assistance Policy is to assist eligible individuals with vehicle repairs to support them in maintaining safe and reliable transportation. In 2021, NEICAC paid auto vendors across northeast Iowa close to \$17,000 to assist individuals in need of a vehicle repair. One service recipient shared, "I have an older car that needed a new alternator. The car is needed for multiple medical appointments for myself and for me 9-year-old who is on the autism spectrum. If I hadn't received this help, I don't know what I would have done. To get medical transportation they would have needed to pick us up at least one hour before my appointment and I would have needed to wait two-three hours after my appointment for a pickup. It's difficult to wait this long after the appointment and try to keep my autistic child occupied."

Who We Served



Household Income Sources



41%
Employed



37%
Received
retirement benefits



52
Received TANF



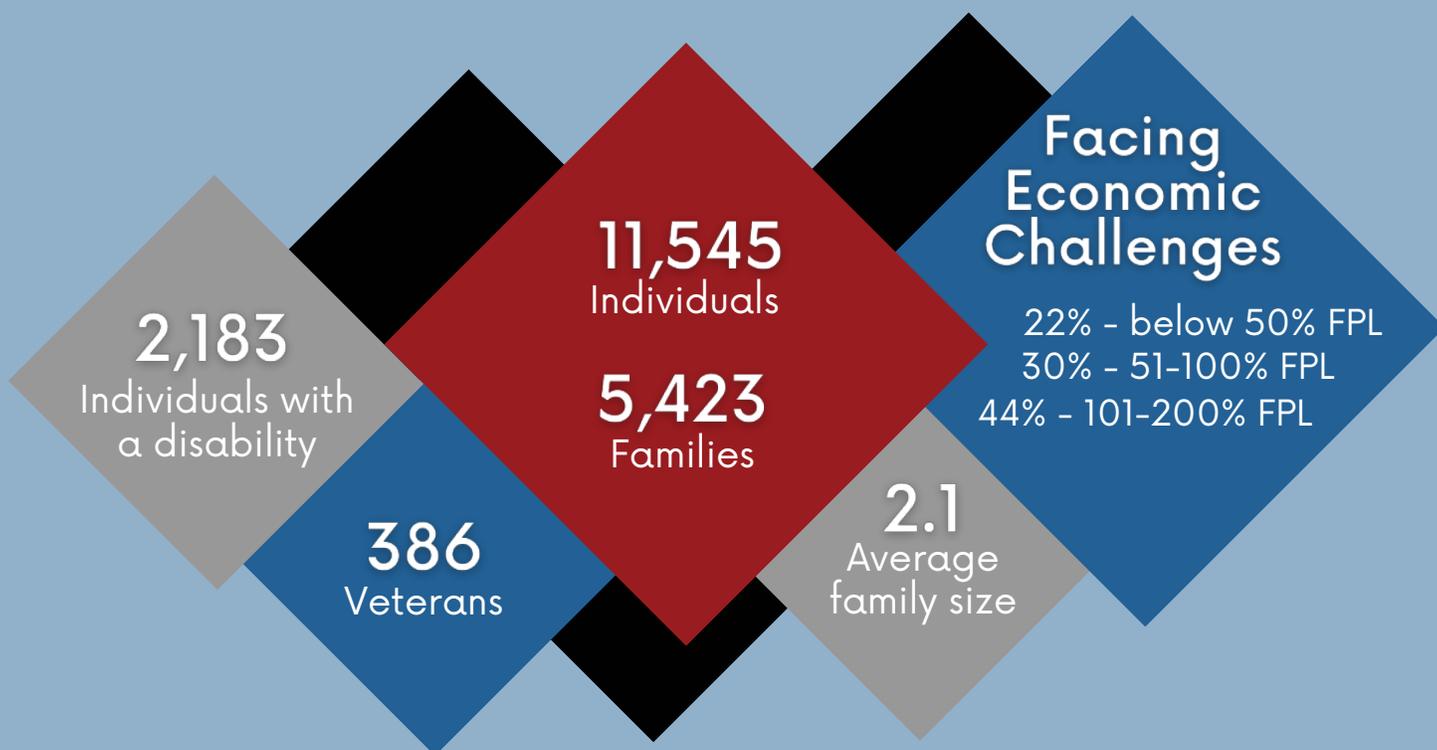
671
Received
Supplemental Security
Income (SSI)

North Iowa Community Action Organization

Counties Served in District 2: Butler • Cerro Gordo • Floyd • Mitchell • Worth

Community Partners is a local program funded by MercyOne to support their mission to continuously improve the health of our community. This is accomplished by providing social and emotional support as well as addressing the social influences of health with individuals and families. One participant, Kristi, had been in an abusive relationship for years and had not been able to do things on her own for a long time. Her house needed repairs to make it livable, and she needed support with being a domestic violence survivor. Staff assisted her with budgeting, and helped put a plan together for her mental health to help her feel safe. She continues to budget each month for housing issues that might arise and was able to maintain her budget when she exited the program.

Who We Served



Household Income Sources



42%
Employed



26%
Received
retirement benefits



40
Received TANF



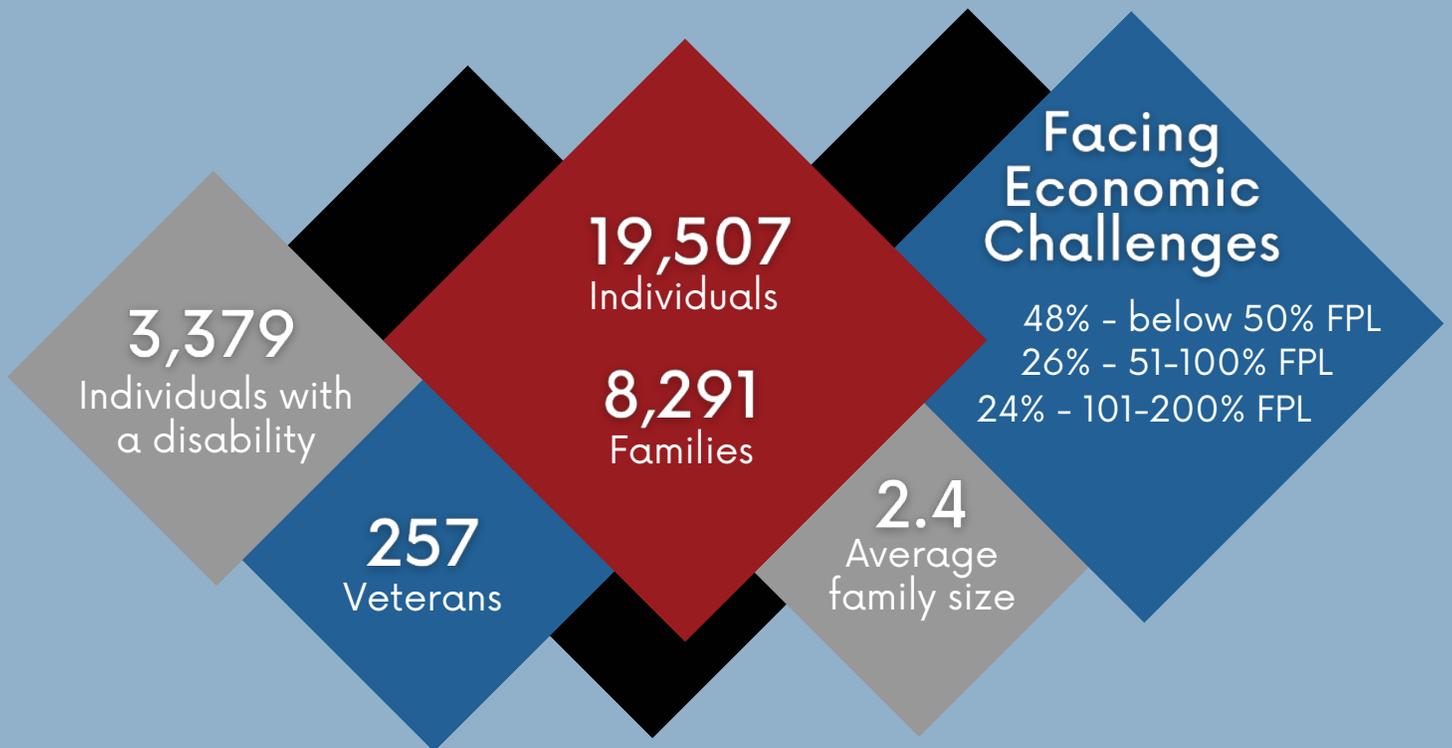
799
Received
Supplemental Security
Income (SSI)

Operation Threshold

Counties Served in District 2: Black Hawk • Buchanan • Grundy

Carrie Lienen lives in Davenport with her children. The children's health is her priority as one of her twins has had significant health issues from very early on in life, including kidney problems and hearing loss. When the **WAP** crew came to work on Carrie's home, they found that her old furnace was **leaking carbon monoxide**. Without WAP, Carrie could not afford to replace the furnace, putting her and her children's health at **serious risk**. Carrie is very appreciative of the security the WAP has brought, saying, "I feel a lot **safer** with the furnace and now I can sleep at night."

Who We Served



Household Income Sources



26%
Employed



20%
Received retirement benefits



178
Received TANF



1,197
Received Supplemental Security Income (SSI)