

FEBRUARY 2024 DASHBOARD

NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY ACTION CORPORATION



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Generous donors from across Northeast Iowa gifted more than \$24,000 to NEICAC's 2023 Annual Campaign! These donations help fill funding gaps to maintain the programs and services reported on throughout this dashboard.

NEICAC received a \$10,000 grant from the Fayette County Community Foundation to support our Crisis Assistance program. Within 2 weeks, nearly \$8,000 of the funding was processed to assist 18 households in Fayette county that were in need of assistance with past due rent, car repairs, emergency shelter, and maintaining water service.



Transit

Transit welcomed 58 new customers and assisted a total of 452 passengers with their transportation needs in January.

Throughout the month Transit made 5,681 trips, covering 39,431 miles helping people get to medical appointments, work, school, and more!



Weatherization

The Crew has been busy completing homes and worked through the cold and snow challenges that January presented. Shoveling paths to homes, clearing snow off of roofs, and being extra careful to avoid slips and trips is all a part of working in Iowa winters!



CACFP

The first round of site visits were completed with our Home Daycare Providers - monitoring 84 kids eating nutritious meals and helping with meal prep and clean up! CACFP also serves our Head Start program which provided 2,653 breakfasts, 3,098 lunches, and 2,701 snacks to 217 Head Start



Housing

Our Housing program is accepting applications for Woolen Mill, Washington Court, and Calmar Apartments! Contact Julie at jbuddenberg@neicac.org for more information.

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

In January 2024:

277 LiHEAP applications approved, for a total of \$149,960 in assistance.

14 ECIP applications approved, for a total of \$40,783.11 in assistance.

42 Crisis applications approved, for a total of \$16,304.76 in assistance.



FaDSS

The FaDSS Day on the Hill occurred on January 25th at the Capitol Building in Des Moines. NEICAC's FaDSS team enjoyed meeting with our State Representatives to educate them about the FaDSS Program and advocate for the families we serve.



Left to Right: FaDSS Specialist Brooke Fay, Lead FaDSS Specialist Paula Duff, Representative Michael Bergan, and FaDSS Director Nichole Griese

Family Services

NEICAC staff, volunteers, and our AmeriCorps member spent over 250 hours picking up food rescue, sorting, weighing, and stocking food and nonfood items, purchasing food, serving customers through the pantry, and data entry among other tasks required to maintain pantry operations.

These efforts provided 199 households with nearly 12,000 lbs. of food and essential nonfood items.



Head Start

Head Start recognizes that children learn best when their social and emotional needs are met. Their learning is supported by strong bonds with responsive, nurturing adults. Head Start teachers model for children how to make friends, solve conflicts, and manage emotions.

Tucker Turtle has been helping the children learn the "Turtle Technique" to tuck, breathe, and problem solve! Working on these skills at an early age can set students up for success throughout their school years and beyond.