

# APRIL 2024 DASHBOARD

## NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY ACTION CORPORATION



★ **51** ★  
**THOUSAND**

In the month of March, 98 LIHEAP applications were approved, totaling \$51,800 in assistance.

We also approved 57 Crisis applications for a total of \$24,529.79 in assistance, and 22 ECIP applications, totaling \$11,013.34 in assistance.

NEICAC's Food Pantries distributed 11,809.1 pounds of food to 181 households comprised of 449 individuals.

### Early Childhood Programs

NEICAC Early Childhood Programs management staff attended the Iowa Head Start Association Spring Conference. Three of our staff presented breakout sessions in the morning and then enjoyed guest trainer, Sarah Ennis in the afternoon.



### Family Services

In March, our Family Services program served more than 650 separate households (1,700+ individuals) through referrals, crisis assistance, Head Start applications, food pantry visits, LIHEAP, NEICAC Housing properties, funeral assistance, and more!

Two brand new partnerships were established in Howard County to eliminate food waste & support our food pantry in meeting hunger needs. As a result, an additional 576 pounds of food were sourced in the month of March.



### Weatherization

NEICAC's Weatherization program completed 8 jobs during the month of March. A new truck for the Crew arrived and is already being put to good use after outfitting it with the Weatherization needs. We are seeking to hire a Weatherization Specialist - see our website for more!



### FaDSS

FaDSS just wrapped up their 3rd quarter. So far this program year, 18 families have exited the program.

Of those 18 families:

- 72% increased their income
- 93% of adult family members with mental health barriers accessed treatment
- 100% of adult family members with substance abuse barriers accessed treatment
- 83% of families with children ages 0-5 were co-enrolled in early childhood programs



### Housing

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

### Transit

Iowa Public Transit Association held the annual Legislative Forum in Des Moines at the end of March. It was an opportunity to discuss the importance of public transportation services in the rural and urban areas of Iowa. Legislators were provided with information on the value of public transportation providers across the state, facility needs priorities, and vehicle replacement needs for providers across the state. In the photo, Rochelle Howe, Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission, was also present for the Council of Governments legislative advocacy event. UERPC is the transit planning organization for our service delivery area.



Pictured Left to Right:  
Rochelle Howe (UERPC), Representative Michael Bergan, Lori Egan (Transit)

The Month of March in Transit:

>5,903 Total Passengers

>5,635 Trips Completed

>97% On-Time Performance

>37,215 Miles Driven



### CACFP

Every day more than 4 million children nationwide get meals and snacks through USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program. Thanks to recent updates to CACFP meal patterns, providers have even more opportunities to help kids get the nutrition they need to learn, grow, and play.



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