

# ★ 20 ★ THOUSAND

Nearly \$20,000 of assistance was processed to help households avoid eviction, reconnect or maintain utility services, or resolve other emergent situations in the month of September.



Transit hosted its annual All Staff meeting in September. We were fortunate to have some amazing guest speakers, including Jane Regan with Upper Iowa Insurance Company, Kallie Moeller, Health and Development Specialist from NEICAC Early Childhood Programs, Sergeant Chris Schweiger from the Fayette Co Sheriff's Office & Boyd Eser with Iowa State Patrol, who shared valuable insights on Human Trafficking. To top it off, we had some engaging breakout sessions for the drivers to enhance their skills. A big thanks to everyone who joined us!



### CACFP

End of year site visits with our home providers have been completed and we are happy to report that all 40 home providers renewed their participation with the CACFP for the next program year. If you would like to learn more about the program, please reach out to Rebecca Phillips, CACFP Coordinator, at 563-387-4950 or e-mail: rphillips@neicac.org.



### Housing

NEICAC's Housing Programs Coordinator has been busy with training - Julie attended the annual IFA Housing Conference and also received training on HUD's new Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act rules, which includes significant changes to income calculation, net assets, and income reviews. She also received training on HUD's new inspection model which prioritizes health, safety, and functional defects over appearance with sound, year-round practices.



### FaDSS

During the first quarter, four families exited the program. Of those families:

- 100% of adult family members with substantiated mental health barriers accessed treatment
- 100% of adult family members with substantiated substance abuse barriers accessed treatment
- 100% of families with children 0-5 in the home were co-enrolled in early childhood programs
- 75% were involved in at least one activity designed to increase work preparedness
- 75% had increased income at program exit

## IMPROVING HOMES, SAVING COSTS

Our Weatherization program had 8 completions, totaling around \$100,000. The National Weatherization Program is the top home energy conservation program in the nation and our crew is fully trained to install these energy conservation measures in each home. They make substantial improvements in helping clients save energy (as much as 50% at times). They also provide Health and Safety measures that protect our most vulnerable clients-children and elderly ones by installing smoke alarms in every bedroom, carbon monoxide alarms on every floor, LP alarms in homes with LP gas fired appliances, and ventilation to improve air quality.



## KICKING OFF A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

Head Start has 205 children enrolled. Within the first 45 days of the school year, the children complete several development screenings. Teachers provide Brigance testing, our partners at area Lions Clubs provide vision screenings, Keystone and Central Rivers AEA audiometrists and audiologists conduct hearing screenings, and parents complete the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ). The information gathered from these screenings provides a baseline assessment of the students for the teachers to use as the year progresses.



## SUPPORTING FAMILIES FACING FOOD CHALLENGES

**11,000** Over 11,000 pounds of food was distributed to through our food pantries in Bremer, Howard, and Winneshiek counties in September.

**82** Individuals ages 60+ were served through our food pantries.

**162** 162 children were served through our food pantries.



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