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In the month of November, NEICAC processed 39 Crisis applications, totaling \$23,231.65 in assistance.
Staff also processed 26 ECIP applications, totaling \$13,178.83 in assistance.



Early Childhood Programs

Our Head Start preschool classroom in Postville made homemade tortillas! Staff joined in to help and the students discussed food they eat at home.



FaDSS

FaDSS Director Nichole Griese presented at the ACF Region 7 Fatherhood Economic Mobility Summit in Kansas City. Nichole provided information on how FaDSS' whole family approach, with a fatherhood lens, works to increase program impacts and strengthen outcomes for children and families. Nichole shared what a whole family approach looks like, recognizing diversity of family situations and the role that fathers, grandparents, and other family members play in children's development, and shared data to demonstrate the benefits for children, families, and our communities. State agency staff and service providers heard how a whole family approach can help their organizations achieve broader program goals.

Pictured: Elizabeth Patten FaDSS Program Planner, Iowa HHS & Nichole Griese, NEICAC FaDSS Director



Words From Our Clients:

“ The person that dealt with my case did awesome! Was never rude and never made me feel like I was a bother while asking for help! ”



“ Very non-judgemental enviroment. I was initially referred for HeadStart, that turned into a LIHEAP appointment and I was also able to shop the food bank today. ”

WHAT'S UP IN WEATHERIZATION?



Weatherization is working hard to finish up their readiness homes. The Readiness fund is provided by the Department of Energy to fix homes that are ineligible for weatherization due to other needed repairs required to be completed first. NEICAC's readiness funds are being used to replace roofs, upgrade electrical, and remove asbestos.

The crew has also been busy with projects at the Smith Building, including new signage and roof repairs.

FIGHTING FOOD INSECURITY: THIS MONTH'S PANTRY HIGHLIGHTS

15,000 In the month of November, NEICAC's food pantries distributed nearly 15,000 pounds of food! This demonstrates the significance of monetary donations to help us fill the gaps.

5,500 Our Bremer, Howard, & Winneshiek county food pantries received more than 5,500 pounds of food donations from individuals, businesses, churches, schools, and generous community groups.

1,349 Our Bremer and Howard County pantries received 1,349 pounds of donated food through Food Rescue partnerships with local retailers.

Safety Milestone: Celebrating a New Accident-Free Record!

Our EARL Public Transit program reached 135 days of accident free driving! The previous record number of days was 92.



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