

FEBRUARY 2025 DASHBOARD

NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY ACTION CORPORATION



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In January 2025, NEICAC provided 15,000 pounds of food, assisting 522 individuals residing in 227 households who visited our food pantries.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

16 households comprised of 61 individuals were provided over \$5,500 in assistance for maintaining or regaining water services.

In the month of January, we had 11 households referred to the rent reimbursement program, and 25 households that we assisted with completing the rent reimbursement application.

Customer Feedback

"I felt heard, understood, comfortable & not judged. I left feeling better & more positive about my situation knowing there are resources that I can access."



"(NEICAC staff was) amazing. She is kind, positive, always has a smile, is willing to answer questions and help. She will go above and beyond to help someone as best as she can or get you the information you need on who to contact if she can't help or doesn't know."

Transit

178

Days Free of Preventable Accidents!



FaDSS Program | 43 Families Served

35

Home & Quality Visits

65

Collaborative Contacts with Partners

157

Significant Contacts with Families



Weatherization

The cold temps are taking their toll on Weatherization. In January, 4 homes were turned in for completion due to extreme cold temperatures. The crew has focused on interior work which leads to less homes completed. HVAC contractors are running behind as well with the increase in furnace calls. Desk monitoring is on the horizon for the program, leading to a busy time in the office.



Housing

Housing has an immediate opening at our Calmar Apartments. This complex has townhouse style apartments in a family friendly location. Check out our website at neicac.org for a video tour of the property! Applications can be completed online. Contact Julie Buddenberg for more information at jbuddenberg@neicac.org or 563.387.4917.



CACFP

CACFP Fact - January 11th was National Milk Day! Although the CACFP allows providers to serve 100% juice, the food program prioritizes serving milk and water over juice in order to encourage healthier eating habits among children. A recent study from USDA found that CACFP participating centers serve 100% fruit juice to children less frequently than providers that did not participate in CACFP.



Early Childhood Programs

Our Head Start teachers have been busier than ever this year, as they have agreed to implement an SEL (social and emotional learning) lesson into EVERY day. Each child in our Head Start program is learning social and emotional skills approximately 30 hours in a typical school year! Research shows that SEL serves as a foundation for a wide range of child outcomes. The curriculum is designed to increase school readiness and social success, decrease problem behaviors and promote self-regulation skills and social-emotional competence.

It has also been proven that by increasing these skills, we will help increase a students' ability to learn- thereby increasing their academic performance by 11 percentile points. We are proud of our teachers for making this a priority!



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