

# DECEMBER 2025 DASHBOARD

NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY ACTION CORPORATION



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THOUSAND

718 LIHEAP Applications Approved  
\$391,440 of Assistance  
47 ECIP Applications Approved  
\$18,259 of Assistance  
40 Crisis Applications Approved  
\$20,034 of Assistance

258 Households Served in Food Pantries  
with 16,035 pounds of food and essential  
non-food items.



Weatherization completed one home in November and drew down approximately \$58,000 in funds. Crews adjusted schedules around winter weather, shifting between indoor and outdoor work as conditions allowed. Contractor completions slowed due to extreme cold and a high volume of furnace calls.

## Housing Programs

We continue to accept applications for our townhouse-style two-bedroom units in the Calmar Apartment complex, located in a family-friendly area. To learn more, watch the property video [here](#). Email Julie at [jbuddenberg@neicac.org](mailto:jbuddenberg@neicac.org) or download the application at [here](#).



## Family Development & Self Sufficiency (FaDSS Program)

FaDSS' FY25 Annual Report was recently released. NEICAC's FaDSS program supported 57 families, maintaining an average monthly capacity of 101%, which is above the statewide average. 14 families exited the program. At program exit, 79% of adults were employed (up from 57% at entry), and employed families saw an average monthly wage increase of \$1,263. Sixty-four percent of families exited with increased income, outperforming both the statewide target and statewide average. Families experiencing significant barriers received strong support: 100% of adults with substantiated mental health, substance use, or domestic violence concerns accessed treatment or assistance. Collectively, this data reflects the powerful impact of the individualized coaching, goal-focused, and strength-based support provided by our FaDSS program throughout FY25.



## Child & Adult Food Care Program

In November, the CACFP program shared resources with providers, including a [World Kindness Day activity sheet](#) from the National CACFP Association, celebrating World Kindness day on Nov. 13. They also shared a seasonal recipe for [Cranberry Applesauce](#), a fun twist on traditional applesauce that pairs well with fall and winter meals.

## EARL Public Transit

EARL Public Transit provided 4,518 rides throughout November. These trips included 1,570 Day Habilitation rides, 1,131 Education rides, 499 Work rides, and 230 Dialysis rides.



In addition, Transit operated a special shuttle service for Helping Services during the opening night of the Christmas Lights Walk-Through. The shuttle transported 770 riders and covered 30 miles, quite a number of trips back and forth between the campground and the soccer field!

## EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

Our Head Start classrooms were energized this month by the support of dedicated volunteers. Their presence brings joy, engagement, and an extra set of hands that truly enriches the children's learning experiences. One recent classroom visitor had the children completely captivated during playtime. A wonderful reminder of how much our volunteers contribute.

Head Start staff members also attended the Iowa Head Start Association Conference in Ankeny on November 5, 2025, continuing their commitment to professional growth and high-quality early childhood education.

