



STORIES of SUCCESS

Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation (NEICAC)

“NOT ONLY HAVE MY KIDS GROWN EXPONENTIALLY FROM EHS & HEAD START, BUT SO HAVE I FROM WORKING WITH AND NOW FOR THIS AMAZING COMPANY!”



When my family moved here from Eastern Iowa, I was worried because we came with little to nothing. I already had four kids at the time and worried about making ends meet, let alone feeding them.

I found the Family Resource Center in Guttenberg, IA. Kari and Tracy informed me about the various programs available in their office for the community. I was able to get food and see about other services at one stop! How great is that! That is when I met Sandra, NEICAC Family Service Specialist. She explained to me that we had Early Head Start, Head Start, LIHEAP, Crisis, and two separate food pantries in Clayton County. I learned that I didn't have to be ashamed to ask for help! Everyone goes through tough times! They made me feel welcome.

Meeting these ladies changed my life! Sandra got me signed up for LIHEAP, Early Head Start, and Head Start! My kids all thrived with Early Head Start, so I was excited to learn more about what Head Start was all about! I met Miss Casey, EHS Home Visitor. She was the best thing that happened to my family when we moved here! She taught me so much. When I needed help with something, she was the first person there. She was able to help me with school supplies and Christmas gifts, and offered patience with my kids, as well as organizing field trips and introducing new recipes for us to try together. I learned a lot. She was also the one who told me about the opening Family Service Specialist position in Guttenberg! I KNEW I had to apply! I have been working full-time for this amazing company for two years, as of May 30th.

My family may not use as many of the services as the next, BUT I know that the services are here if I need them. That in itself makes me feel better about life! Getting the word out that these services are available in this area is a goal! We got this!

Getting this job is a HUGE privilege! I have the pleasure of providing services to my community! Helping people keep their lights on, live in their homes, have vehicles on the road, and ensure children are fed and educated is an honor!

~Christine Clagg
NEICAC Family Services Specialist

Learn more about how NEICAC provides the support and resources to improve the stability and quality of life for individuals & families with limited resources.



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