

MARCH 2026 DASHBOARD

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In March, 158 LIHEAP applications were approved for \$79,400 in assistance. NEICAC also helped prevent disconnection and eviction crises for over 82 households through over \$41,000 in financial assistance.



FaDSS

FaDSS participants completed annual feedback surveys in February. Here are just a few things families had to say about their Specialists:

*"[My Specialist] has been amazing for our family!"
"She is awesome, super great support, and always willing to go above and beyond."*

"[My Specialist] is an amazing person to work with, and I enjoy the support and comfort with each visit."

"[My Specialist] has made a huge positive impact on our lives. She is compassionate, supportive, and overall an amazing worker."

The FaDSS program currently has openings! Referrals can be sent to Nichole Griese at ngriese@neicac.org



Food Pantry Assistance

NEICAC's food pantries provided 12,584 pounds of food and essential non-food items to 517 individuals and 199 households in March.



Early Childhood Programs

Early Childhood Programs are committed to continuous improvement. Parent feedback helps guide their work. Recently, families shared that they value the fun, interactive learning environment, supportive teachers, and the resources and assistance provided to both children and families.

Children shared that their favorite parts of the program include learning and playing with friends, outdoor play, making new friends, and enjoying nap and lunchtime.

A big shoutout to our amazing teachers and home visitors for the incredible work they do to make a lasting difference in the lives of children and families!



EARL Public Transit

In February, Transit provided 4,737 rides, welcoming 28 first-time riders. Our drivers logged 36,640 miles, helping individuals reach work, medical appointments, and essential services. Winneshiek County had the highest ridership with 1,671 rides.

Housing & Weatherization

NEICAC's housing units remain at 100% occupancy, ensuring individuals and families continue to have access to safe and stable housing. Housing Coordinator, Kayla Miller, recently completed Fair Housing training and submitted an AARP grant application to support the installation of door openers at Washington Court, helping improve accessibility for residents.



Through the Weatherization Assistance Program, two homes were completed in February, with a combined investment of \$14,990.72 in energy-efficiency improvements. The team currently has 22 homes in process. Our new Weatherization Specialist, Jack Davis, is continuing to build his skills as he learns the auditing process alongside longtime Specialist Josh Vanskyhawk.

Did You Know?



To be reimbursed for a snack through CACFP, providers must serve two of the five meal components: milk, vegetables, fruits, grains, or a meat/meat alternate. Best practice is to include a fruit or vegetable whenever possible to help children build healthy eating habits.

Thrive Iowa

Thrive Iowa held an asset mapping event at the North Fayette Valley Community Coalition, where partners identified community strengths, resources, and gaps. Their insight and collaboration are invaluable as we continue connecting families with supports in Fayette and Clayton Counties. Special thanks to NFVCC for allowing us to use their space!



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