

# MAY 2026 DASHBOARD

NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY ACTION CORPORATION



★ 98 ★  
HOURS

In April, 12 volunteers gave 98 hours of their time to our food pantry operations in Waverly, Cresco, and Decorah, delivering food rescue donations, stocking, and providing customer assistance and data entry. Thank you to our volunteers whose dedication and service are an essential support! In addition, NEICAC processed payments to auto repair shops to assist seven households with vehicle repairs through our Crisis Assistance Program. A reliable vehicle is crucial, enabling consistent access to work, school, healthcare, and basic necessities in our largely rural service area.

## CACFP

The National CACFP Association is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2026. The organization supports the CACFP Program and the professionals who help provide nutritious meals in care settings across the country. The organization also has a special Iowa connection through founding advocate Cheryl Flaatten of CA of SE Iowa, who served on the NCA Board from 1986–2011. In April, our CACFP Coordinator, Rebecca Philips, attended the National CACFP annual conference.



## Housing



### Woolen Mill is feeling the upgrade!

All mini-split systems are now installed, and tenants are loving the added comfort. A total of 18 units are up and running, bringing efficient, year-round heating and cooling while helping reduce energy costs. This project was made possible thanks to the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)—a win for comfort, savings, and sustainability!

## Early Childhood Programs



Early Head Start celebrated its 2nd Annual Home Visitor Appreciation Week April 20–24, recognizing the dedication and impact of staff who support families through home-based services. Head Start also celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4–8, along with Baby Day on May 2 and Nurses Day on May 6. Thank you to all staff for your hard work, compassion, and commitment to children and families each day. Teamwork truly makes the dream work! The last day of Head Start is May 22, & staff are preparing for summer orientation activities. Early Head Start staff are busy supporting families with 3-year-olds transitioning into Head Start and other preschool programs this fall, helping families plan for the next steps in their child's early learning journey.

## FaDSS



The FaDSS team built on their knowledge and practices through several professional development opportunities in April. Staff attended the 2026 Iowa Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Conference, participated in a Hope Convening focused on strengthening hope-centered approaches in human services, and an Empowered Home Visiting training.

## EARL Public Transit

The Decorah Fixed Route Pilot (Luther Route) kicked off on March 14 and continued with a second run on

April 18. This pilot is a partnership with Luther College to provide Saturday evening transportation service connecting the campus to key destinations.

The route runs from Luther College, through downtown Decorah, and out to Walmart, creating a convenient corridor for both students and the broader community. The project has demonstrated strong early engagement and student interest.

March 14  
Total Rides: 73

April 18  
Total Rides: 107

## Weatherization



April 27–29th, State WAP Home Inspections occurred with Bob Freese, State Inspector. All members of the crew had the opportunity to attend completed homes to take part in the process, ask questions, and ensure quality of workmanship and health & safety compliance. Pictured above are Bob Freese and Josh VanSkyhawk, who are using a combustible gas detector, also known as a gas sniffer, to detect gas leaks at pipe connections.

## Thrive



Thrive Iowa of Clayton and Fayette Counties hosted its first Thrive Iowa Alliance Meeting in April, bringing community members and partners together around the shared goal of protecting children by strengthening families. The event featured a panel of local leaders and professionals who shared perspectives on family support, prevention, child advocacy, and community collaboration. The meeting created space for connection, learning, and partnership-building as Thrive Iowa continues developing a strong community alliance focused on helping families thrive.



Snapchat:  
neicac\_65



Facebook:  
NEICAC Decorah



Instagram:  
@northeastiowacommunityaction

FOLLOW US

WWW.NEICAC.ORG