

# JUNE 2026 DASHBOARD

NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY ACTION CORPORATION



Congratulations to Family Service Specialist Faye Stewart on her retirement after 21 years of dedicated service to NEICAC. Throughout her career, Faye has made a lasting impact on countless individuals and families in our communities through her compassion, commitment, and support. Thank you for your years of service, and best wishes on your retirement!

The LIHEAP season has come to an end. Overall, NEICAC provided energy assistance to 3,267 households, totaling \$1,691,720.00 in financial support.



## HOUSING

Housing staff completed and submitted the Housing Utility Schedule Model (HUSM) to the Iowa Finance Authority for review and approval. Based on the updated calculations, unit utility allowances increased by approximately 8% across all units. This adjustment is primarily a result of updated calculations that are built into the HOME Program for rent limits. The updated rents ensure continued compliance with HOME Program requirements, reflect current utility and operating costs, and support the continued financial sustainability of the property.

## EARL PUBLIC TRANSIT

Transit provided 5,113 rides and traveled 153,414 passenger-service miles in May. Through our partnership with Hometown Taxi, a combined 7,628 rides and 167,303 miles were provided throughout the month. Since January 1, 2026, 610 new riders have registered for Earl Public Transit services, reflecting continued growth in demand. Transit also maintained an impressive 95.65% on-time performance rate in May!



## FaDSS

In May, FaDSS served 41 families across our service area. During the month, 32 families participated in work preparedness activities, 20 engaged in parenting skill development, 27 worked on financial literacy, and 30 received referrals to community resources and supports.

## CACFP

The CACFP works with our Head Start staff and local school districts to provide our students with healthy breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snacks. Through this collaboration, children are given guidance to learn healthy eating habits and meals that provide them the nutritional fuel they need for developmental growth. Throughout the 2025-2026 school year, we submitted claims for 22,041 breakfasts, 22,642 lunches, and 18,283 snacks served to our Head Start students, resulting in an overall reimbursement of \$181,410.64.

## WEATHERIZATION

In May, Weatherization completed work on 4 homes. Using a "whole house approach," our crew addressed multiple safety and energy conservation concerns for local households. One completed measure included installing a total of 6,147 square feet of insulation in attics and other areas. In our climate zone, the average home can save between 15% and 19% on heating and cooling costs after insulation improvements. Pictured is NEICAC WAP employee, Chase Leech.



## EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

Staff from Head Start and Early Head Start attended the National Head Start Conference held in Minneapolis, MN, in May. Early Childhood staff from across the nation converged for this annual event. Head Start federal staff shared updates as national speakers presented on various educational topics related to the latest early childhood research. Head Start is accepting children for the 2026-2027 school year. Early Head Start is accepting applications to fill enrollment slots for children transitioning into Head Start. Applications can be found [here](#)



## THRIVE IOWA

We're excited to welcome Shelly Werger as our new Clayton County Navigator! In May, we hosted the Alliance Meeting, "Where Community Meets the Table," bringing together an amazing group of panelists to discuss food insecurity and nutrition. Alliance meetings will continue the fourth Tuesday of each month, focusing on topics that impact our communities, strengthen partnerships, and identify strengths and gaps within Fayette and Clayton Counties. The official Thrive Iowa Launch will be July 16. Community members, partners, and local leaders will come together to learn more about the initiative and how we can collectively create lasting impact for the families we serve.



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