

JULY 2026 DASHBOARD

NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY ACTION CORPORATION



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Over the past 12 months, FSS staff distributed 177,609 pounds of food and provided hundreds of referrals to community resources.

Family Service Specialists play an important role in connecting individuals and families to services and supports throughout NEICAC and the community. They assist with programs such as LIHEAP, crisis assistance, food pantry services, and referrals. While these accomplishments can be measured in numbers, their greatest achievement is the hope they provide to individuals and families seeking a path forward.



EARL Public Transit

In June, Transit provided 4,687 passenger trips totaling 2,372 passenger hours and 64,120 miles.

Housing & Weatherization

In June, our Weatherization Crew completed work on 9 homes, providing energy-saving improvements including furnaces, insulation, appliances, and other efficiency measures. Small upgrades can make a big impact, too. Staff installed 87 ENERGY STAR® certified LED light bulbs, helping households save an estimated \$696 annually on energy costs. Over their lifetime, these bulbs will also reduce greenhouse gas emissions by nearly 68,000 pounds. That's something to really "light up" about! 💡

Housing staff is preparing for the upcoming Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) state inspection at Stoneman Court. Preparation efforts are focused on ensuring continued compliance with program requirements and maintaining the high standards expected for our residents and properties.

Thrive Iowa

Thrive Iowa continues to expand across Fayette and Clayton Counties as we strengthen community partnerships and connect families to the resources and supports they need to thrive. Our Alliance meetings continue to grow, bringing providers and community members together to address local needs and identify opportunities for collaboration. The next Alliance meeting will be held on August 25 at 10:00 a.m. Navigators are actively completing intakes, connecting families with services, and building strong referral networks. In August, Thrive Iowa will also offer Connection Provider Trainings in West Union and Guttenberg to further strengthen community partnerships and referral pathways.

FaDSS FY2026 YEAR END HIGHLIGHTS

FaDSS served 62 families while maintaining 97.5% program capacity. Specialists completed 87% of visits in families' homes, providing coaching and skill-building that resulted in 83% of families participating in work-readiness activities and 54% of exiting families increasing household income. The program also connected 100% of adults with identified mental health and substance use concerns to treatment, supported 89% of families experiencing domestic violence, and connected 80% of young children to early childhood programs.



Early Childhood Programs

Head Start staff stayed busy throughout June, hosting Parent Orientations! During orientation, parents have the opportunity to meet our management team, complete enrollment paperwork, review program policies, and learn about all the wonderful opportunities and services Head Start has to offer. As part of the orientation process, children receive hearing and vision screenings to meet program requirements. We also partner with WIC, Maternal Health, and Unified Therapy to provide families with additional resources and free health and developmental screenings.

CACFP

USDA released guidance on implementing the Expanding Fluid Milk Options in Child Nutrition Programs. As of June 8, 2026, all CACFP operators now have the flexibility to serve unflavored whole, reduced-fat, low-fat and fat-free milk to all participants ages two and up. Additional details of this change: [Expanding Fluid Milk Options in CNPs - National CACFP Association](#)

CACFP Coordinator Rebecca Phillips is gearing up to present the annual CACFP training for Head Start Staff and home daycare providers later this summer.



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