OCTOBER 2026 DASHBOARD

NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY ACTION CORPORATION

WEATHERIZATION

The Weatherization crew completed **9 homes in September**, averaging **$19,325.37 per home**. Improvements included **7 furnaces** and **4 water heaters**, improving home safety, energy efficiency, and comfort.
Did you know? Small Changes, Big Impact!
Energy-saving measures may include LED lighting, low-flow faucet aerators, and water-efficient showerheads for eligible households.

THRIVE IOWA

Thrive Iowa has **39 active participants in Fayette County** and **19 in Clayton County**. Referrals remain open for support, case coordination, and resource navigation.
The Alliance meeting, **Finding Home: Addressing Housing Needs Together**, is **November 18 at 10:00 a.m.** at the **West Union Library**. Alliance membership has grown to **56 in Fayette** and **53 in Clayton**.

HOUSING

Staff attended the **Housing Iowa Conference in Des Moines**, including a Fair Housing refresher to reinforce requirements and promote equitable housing practices. **All NEICAC housing units are currently full**; applications remain open for future openings. Contact **Kayla Miller** at **kayla.miller@neicac.org**.



EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

Children may need **10-20 exposures** to a new food before deciding whether they like it! Monthly Farm to Preschool visitors teach children about healthy fruits and vegetables, where they come from, and how they help our bodies. Taste tests with classroom friends and opportunities to **see, touch, smell, and taste** featured foods throughout the month build confidence, healthy habits, and new favorites.





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TRANSIT

In September, Transit provided **5,341 rides** across five counties and welcomed **56 first-time riders**! Winneshiek led with **1,678 rides**, followed by Fayette with **1,119** and Howard with **1,031**. Every ride connects people to medical care, groceries, work, and daily needs. Keeping our communities moving, one ride at a time!

LIHEAP

PY-27 applications opened **October 1** for individuals **60 or older**, individuals with disabilities, or households experiencing an energy crisis. Staff have processed **208 applications** meeting these criteria and **635 automatic eligibility applications** following August letters.
All other households may apply November 1, 2026, including online through NEICAC and the state website. LIHEAP helps qualifying Iowa homeowners and renters pay part of their primary heating costs.

FaDSS

Team members attended the statewide **FaDSS All-Staff Meeting September 16-17 in Ankeny**. Topics included Thrive Iowa, self-care, serving refugee families, and in-demand careers. Highlights included Iowa HHS Division Director **Janée Harvey** and Tom Hicks' keynote, **Embracing Failure & Growth**. "How Fascinating!" encouraged curiosity and learning from mistakes.

CACFP

Coordinator Rebecca Phillips hosted training for Head Start staff and Home Providers. Annual program and civil rights training was required by the program year end, **September 30**.

NEICAC OPEN HOUSE

On September 22, community members, partners, and families gathered at our Decorah corporate office for food, live entertainment, activities, and prizes. Guests connected with resources and explored NEICAC programs across northeast Iowa. Thank you to everyone who made the evening a success!