



Congressional District 5:

ICAA is proud to report the exciting results from the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) programs that were supported by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. CSBG ARRA funding ended on September 30th, 2010; however, some programs will be able to continue thanks to alternative funding support.

The following pages give a summary of the outcomes achieved during the CSBG ARRA funding period, April 2009 - September 2010. Seven of Iowa's 18 Community Action Agencies provide services to low income children and families in Congressional District Five:

- ❖ **Upper Des Moines Opportunity**
- ❖ **West Central Development Corporation**
- ❖ **MATURA Action Corporation**
- ❖ **Community Action Agency of Siouxland**
- ❖ **New Opportunities**
- ❖ **South Central Iowa Community Action Program**
- ❖ **Mid-Sioux Opportunity**

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Indicators of Success

4/10/2009 - 9/30/2010



Through the **EMPLOYMENT ADVOCACY INITIATIVE:**

- 101 individuals were served
- 376 community employers were contacted
- 49 support services were provided
- 46 individuals secured full time employment; 6 secured part time employment
- 50 individuals were provided with support services

The fact that I have been given the tools to apply for jobs with an updated resume, appropriate attire for interviews, and the ability to go out face to face in the workforce to apply and interview. Without this program I would not be able to do anything other than apply online.

– Quote from ARRA Beneficiary

With the **CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE TRAINING INITIATIVE** individuals and early childhood programs continued to have access to training.

- 46 trainings (202 hours) were conducted
- 19 individuals successfully completed training
- 293 participants reported satisfaction with the training



Through the **PAID INTERNSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS INITIATIVE** students, education institutions and local businesses had access to paid internships.

- 140 scholarships were awarded
- 219 individuals were enrolled in the education program and completed the scholarship agreement

Upper Des Moines Opportunity partnered with community colleges to provide **SHORT TERM TRAINING CLASSES** to unemployed and underemployed individuals.

- 47 of the 68 enrolled in the short-term training class graduated from the training. 50 of the 47 graduates obtained employment.

Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc.

Ron Ludwig, Executive Director

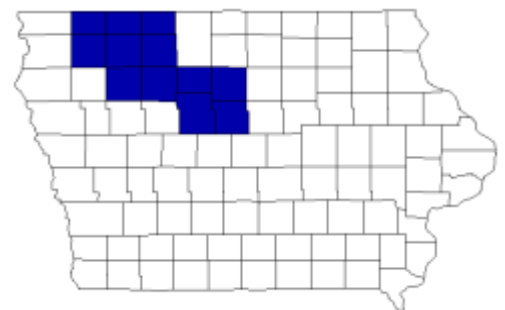
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West Central Community Action

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4/10/2009 - 9/30/2010

Through the **FAMILY DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST INITIATIVE** one person was hired and individuals were assisted with identifying and overcoming barriers that hinder employment or educational opportunities.



- 77 individuals have been assisted; 7 obtained full time employment and 7 obtained part time employment
- 14 individuals were assisted in enrolling in an education program and 20 were assisted with 3rd party payments totaling \$9,794

With the **WIC CLINIC INITIATIVE** lead testing and hemoglobins were performed.

- 2,628 children received assistance
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- 62 children were assisted beyond testing



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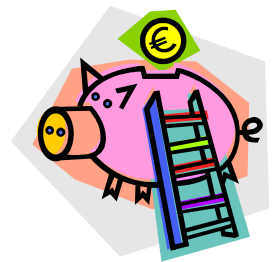
The **EXPAND FOOD PANTRY CAPACITY INITIATIVE** continued to fund local food pantries in order to help keep their shelves stocked and assisted in meeting the increased demand for services due to business closing and layoffs.

- 4,616 families (12,755 individuals) were assisted
- 5,070 food pantries were provided



Through the **CLIENT ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE** families received help purchasing household appliances, car repairs, childcare and other family expenses that were barriers to their financial stability.

- 1,188 families (3,416 individuals) were assisted



West Central Community Action

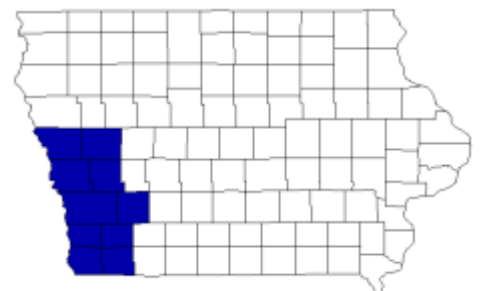
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MATURA Action Corporation

Indicators of Success

4/10/2009 - 9/30/2010



Through the **SUMMER YOUTH INITIATIVE** participants improved literacy skills and obtained employment.

- 217 youth enrolled and 141 youth completed the literacy program
- 27 youth obtained full time employment
- 18 youth obtained part time employment

The **PROMISE JOBS INITIATIVE** assisted 10 individuals with 2 obtaining full time employment.



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MATURA Action Corporation

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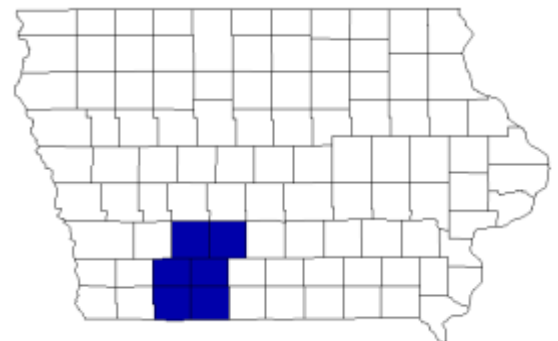
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Indicators of Success *4/10/2009 – 9/30/2010*



The **EMPLOYMENT RELATED EXPENSES INITIATIVE** continued to provide assistance to individuals who were either looking for a job or needed help getting to their job or an interview or needed other items related to the job.

- **157** individuals received assistance

In February of 2009 I lost my job as a Forman for a local construction company. The reason I was given for being terminated was there just was not enough work and the company needed to make cuts, unfortunately my position was one of those cuts. On March 30, 2009 I started at the Community Action Agency of Siouxland as a temporary Weatherization Evaluator / Inspector.

Today I am very pleased to tell you that I have been promoted to the Weatherization / Infrastructure Director for the Agency which is a permanent, full time position. My misfortune a year ago has turned out to be a blessing in disguise. I liked my old construction job but, I love my new job. – Joe Miller

The **UTILITY ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE** continued to provide assistance to qualifying families up to 200% of poverty who did not qualified for assistance in the past. This initiative provided payment for a portion of the family's utility bills.

- **136** households received services



The **RENT/MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE** helped 69 households under 200% of poverty pay a portion of their rent/mortgage.

With the **CLIENT ASSISTANCE (BEDS) INITIATIVE** 137 individuals received help improving their living conditions.



The **FAMILY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE** had the goal of continuing programs such as Family Development and Self-Sufficiency, Shared Visions, Wrap Around, Empowerment and pre-school, (which are vital to strengthening the family unit) that has suffered a loss during the economic downturn.

- **437** families received services



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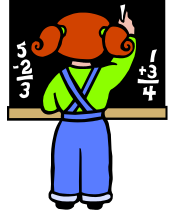
New Opportunities

Indicators of Success

4/10/2009 - 9/30/2010

The **FAMILY FINANCIAL EDUCATION INITIATIVE** allowed New Opportunities to provide one-on-one and/or group financial literacy education to low income individuals and families and to help them manage their limited family financial resources.

- 185 families/households received services
- 77 individuals completed classes
- 1 new job was created within New Opportunities



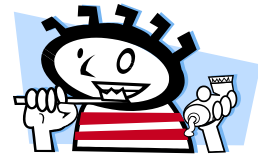
With the **GRANT WRITER INITIATIVE** there is now an employed person who pursues new avenues of funding to assist low income families.

- 1 new job was created at New Opportunities
- 15 grants were submitted
- 5 grants were funded
- \$14,500 was leveraged for New Opportunities



Through the **HEALTH (DENTAL) INITIATIVE:**

- 672 children were served, receiving fluoride varnish and dental evaluations
- 40 adults were served, receiving fluoride varnish
- 15 adults received dental evaluations



Through the **ELDERLY CHORE PROGRAM INITIATIVE:**

- 108 families received assistance
- \$14,182 in assistance was provided



The **UTILITY ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE** paid a portion of a utility bill for families who qualify with income up to 200% of poverty.

- 26 families received assistance
- \$6,942 in assistance was provided



With the **RENT/MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE** a portion of rent/mortgage for qualifying families with income up to 200% of poverty was paid.

- 72 families received assistance

- \$22,818 in assistance was provided

The **FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTERS** continued to operate full-time in order to have services more accessible to the low income families of our service area;

- 11,525 households received assistance



The **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE** partnered with the community college for education for low income individuals, helping them become more self-sufficient.

- 68 individuals received services
- 68 individuals enrolled in an education program
- \$28,036 in assistance was provided



The **MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE** employed a person that provided assessment and evaluation to Head Start, Maternal Health and Substance Abuse Treatment clients who potentially needed mental health services due to economic hardship during the economic downturn.

- 52 of individuals received assistance
- 52 adults were identified, assisted and referred



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New Opportunities, Inc.

Chad Jensen, CEO

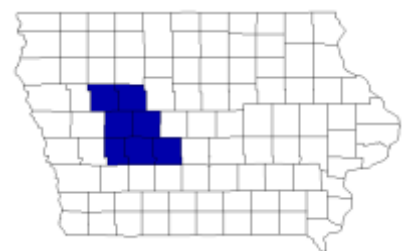
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South Central Iowa Community Action Program

Indicators of Success

4/10/2009 - 9/30/2010



The **FOOD PANTRY INITIATIVE** provided fresh grocery items as well as other living essentials not provided through food stamps.

- 755 individuals (240 families) were assisted
- 240 food pantries were provided

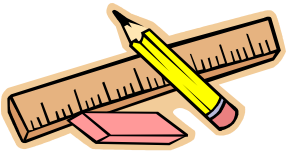
Through the **RENT ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE** families were protected from eviction.

- 79 families were assisted
- \$24,485 was provided in assistance



With the **BACK TO SCHOOL INITIATIVE**, essential school supplies were provided.

- 800 children were assisted



The **YOUTH EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE** provided work experience opportunities for youth.

- 40 youth were served

With the **GARDENS INITIATIVE**, garden plants were provided to families for improved nutrition, and supplemental income.

- 268 families were assisted



South Central Iowa Community Action Program

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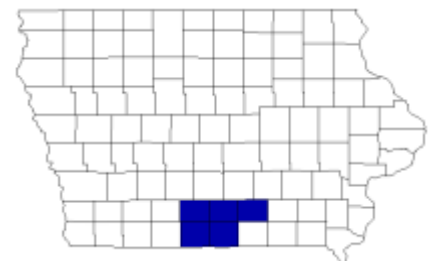
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Through the **FAMILY DEVELOPMENT SELF SUFFICIENCY (FaDSS) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT INITIATIVE** the number of families enrolled in the program maintained at the 2009 levels.

- \$22,857 was provided to support program budget cuts and maintain enrollment at the 2009 level.

With the **FaDSS CLIENTS ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE** support services were provided to families in need of special assistance, such as car repairs.

- 10 families were served
- 39 families received assistance
- \$5,001 of assistance was provided



The **CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL INITIATIVE** funded a .5 FTE to support home consultation services.

- 319 providers were assisted

Through the **SIoux CITY INTERPRETER INITIATIVE** a .4 FTE was funded to work with Spanish speaking families.

- 312 individuals were assisted



Through the **ENHANCE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES INITIATIVE** funding was provided to support therapy for mental health patients.

- 104.55 hours of therapy was provided
- 113 individuals were assisted

The **ENHANCE TRANSPORTATION VOUCHER SERVICES INITIATIVE** provided funding to support rides for low income families.

- 129 individuals participated
- 1,408 vouchers were issued



The **FOOD ASSISTANCE SERVICES INITIATIVE** provided enhanced food assistance.

- 1,346 individuals (660 families) were assisted
- 660 food pantries were provided

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