



Congressional District 3:

Seven of Iowa's eighteen community action agencies provide services to low income children and families in Congressional District One:

- ❖ **Hawkeye Area Community Action Program**
- ❖ **Des Moines Community Action Agency**
- ❖ **Mid-Iowa Community Action**
- ❖ **Operation Threshold**
- ❖ **Red Rock Area Community Action Program**
- ❖ **South Central Iowa Community Action Program**
- ❖ **Southern Iowa Economic Development Association**

All seven of these community action agencies received additional Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Included in this packet is a summary of the outcomes achieved by the programs and services each agency has implemented to better serve children and families in the agency service area. Contact information for each agency executive director is also included. Feel free to contact a director or myself if you have any questions regarding these programs and this information.

The attached documents show the outcomes achieved from April 2009 to June 2010.

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Hawkeye Area Community Action Program

Indicators of Success
4/10/2009 – 6/30/2010

Successes

The **FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAM INITIATIVE** continues to assist families to become more economically self-sufficient.

- 2 financial training have been conducted with 21 individual attending and completing the training
- 256 individual household financial workshops have been conducted with 458 individuals being assisted
- 256 households have increased their ability to pay rent/mortgage

The **FAMILY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM INITIATIVE** continues to help families learn to overcome economic barriers.



- 351 families have been assisted
- 4 individuals have obtained full-time employment; 5 have retained full-time employment
- 154 individuals received job counseling and 92 were assisted with education planning

"[The Family Advocate] woke me up. I was so down and depressed after my wife died. He helped me see the good things again. I don't know where I would be without him." ó Quote from ARRA beneficiary

The **YOUTH INITIATIVE** provides youth who are low to moderate income with skill building opportunities.

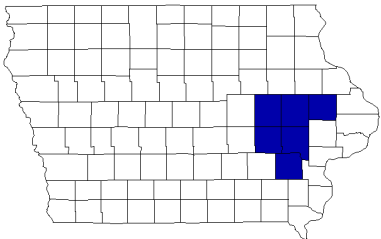
- 278 youth have been enrolled; 76 youth scholarships have been provided
- 97 youth have been linked into work or life skill building activities

With the **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE** the goal is for communities and neighborhoods to respond with resources to families in need.

- 572 community building meetings have been held
- 52 community based projects have been initiated
- 87 partnerships have been developed



The **RECRUITMENT & JOB SKILLS INITIATIVE** has resulted in 131 new employees.



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Des Moines Community Action Agency

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Through the **PERSONAL PANTRY INITIATIVE** personal items continue to be provided on an emergency basis to families.

- 571 families received assistance; (1,765 individuals)

With the **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE** families in need of financial assistance are able to obtain items such as beds, auto repair, eye glasses, or dental/medical needs.

- 328 families have received assistance
- \$138, 336 of assistance has been provided



The **INCOME MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE** provides a three month educational and financial assistance program to stabilize families with low-income.

- 13 individuals have attended group instruction; 11 completed the instruction
- 58 family consultations have been provided



Through the **YOUTH ACTIVITY INITIATIVE** financial assistance is provided for youth participation in organized activities available in the community.

- 460 youth are now receiving assistance



Des Moines Community Action Agency

Marci Rafdal, Administrator

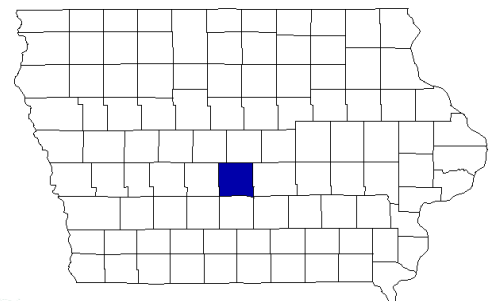
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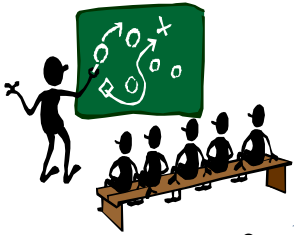
Through the **FAMILY FINANCIAL FITNESS INITIATIVE**

- 651 participants received services to improve their financial situation and increasing total number of tangible assets
- 51 people's foreclosures were avoided
- 9 people established IDA's
- 511 families now receive EITC
- 107 individuals are reducing their debt load



Through the **JOB COACHING & SUPPORT INITIATIVE**

- 127 participants increased their employability and connection with appropriate supports
- 5 participants are now enrolled in part-time education
- 29 participants are now achieving full-time employment
- 13 participants are now achieving part-time employment
- 7 participants are now enrolled in full-time education



Through the **DENTAL CARE INITIATIVE FOR DISLOCATED WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES INITIATIVE**

- 134 families have received dental care



Through the **START SOONER, STAY LONGER, KEEP LEARNING INITIATIVE**

- 802 families are receiving direct contact



- Through the **HEAD START BUSING INITIATIVE**, 25 children have been bused to a part day Head Start class room



Mid-Iowa Community Action

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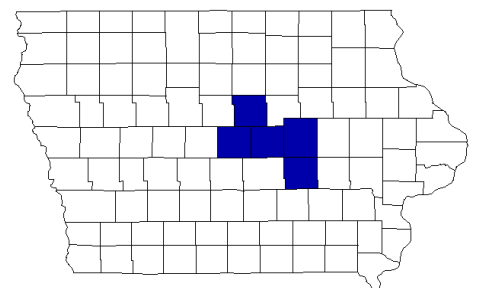
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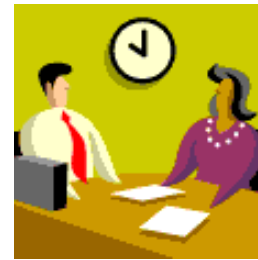
Through the **FAMILY DEVELOPMENT GROUP INITIATIVE** families continue to decrease their reliance on public assistance and increase their reliance on employment income.



- 12 participants who entered the group unemployed became employed while participating
- 4 participants obtained a higher wage job
- 10 group meetings have been held with 95 individuals attending and completing the program

With the **CAREER LADDERS PROGRAM EXPANSION INITIATIVE** adults continue to achieve an increase in employment income.

- 10 unemployed participants have become employed;
- 6 obtained higher wage employment



The **FINANCIAL LITERACY SERVICE EXPANSION INITIATIVE** continues to help families achieve an increase in financial assets and financial skills.



- 33 adults requested and received one-on-one financial counseling
- 53 group financial literacy trainings were held with a total of 354 participants completing the training
- 230 families participated in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program

The **HOUSING COUNSELING PROGRAM EXPANSION INITIATIVE** continues to help families achieve an increase in financial assets and financial skills.

- 342 adults requested and received one-on-one mortgage foreclosure prevention counseling
- 245 households have been able to avoid foreclosure

Operation Threshold

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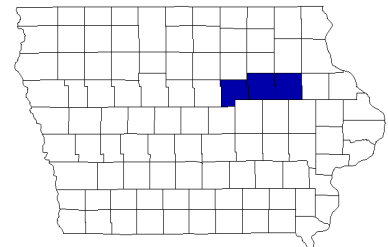
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Through the **BACK TO WORK PROGRAM INITIATIVE**

- **45** individuals obtained full-time employment
- **63** individuals obtained part-time employment
- **35** individuals have completed education or training



This program was a success due to the job training/education, budget counseling, job counseling and job seeking skills that the unemployed low-income clients in Jasper, Marion, Warren, rural Polk and Boone Counties received.



Through the **HIRING PERSONNEL INITIATIVE** Red Rock Community Action Program became more efficient and effective, allowing better and increased services to people looking for work.

- **14** employees have been hired full-time
- **418** clients have been served

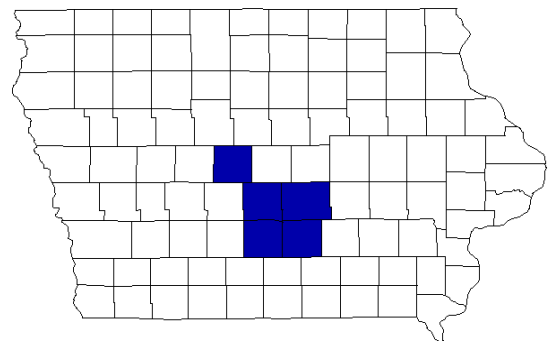
Through the **HOMELESS PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAM INITIATIVE**

- **144** persons experiencing homelessness were able to attain and maintain a home
- **102** clients learned to budget to become more self-sufficient
- **36** individuals obtained full-time employment
- **43** individuals obtained part-time employment



Red Rock Area Community Action

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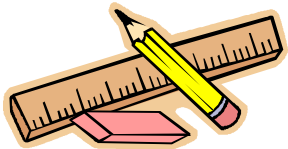


The **FOOD PANTRY INITIATIVE** provided fresh grocery items as well as other living essentials not provided through food stamps.

- 483 individuals (151 families) were assisted
- 151 food pantries were provided

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

- 40 families were assisted
- \$11,659 was provided in assistance



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

- 402 children were assisted

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

- 36 youth were served

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

- 268 families were assisted



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South Central Iowa Community Action Program

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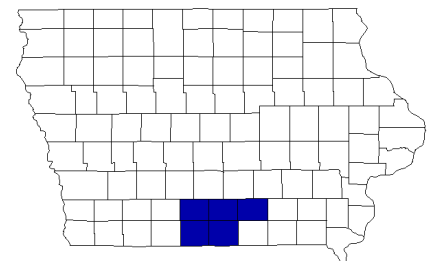
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The **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE** continues to provide access to emergency financial resources such as rent/rent deposits, telephone deposits, utility arrearages, food pantries, etc.).

- 1,130 families received emergency energy assistance
- 354 families received emergency shelter assistance

With the goal to increase **FADSS FAMILIES'** reliance on employment income:

- 25 unemployed adults obtained a job
- 15 adults increased their employment income
- 20 families reduced their FIP income

The **SELF-SUFFICIENCY INITIATIVE** provides financial assistance for home or car repair, child care, or cooling assistance, to 89 families and emergency clothing to 528 families requesting assistance. Families have also had the opportunity to receive non-cash assistance for items such as school supplies, books, diapers and other child care products; 495 families have received this assistance.

With the help of ARRA funds, my children and I have had a chance to build a better life for ourselves. In turn, we will be able to help others; a wonderful helping hand. ó Quote from ARRA beneficiary

The **NEST INITIATIVE** has helped parents nurture and sustain their children's development through classes.

- 46 parents requested and received parenting skills education

With the **CHILD CARE EDUCATOR INITIATIVE**

- 8 trainings were conducted
- 51 individuals attended
- 51 individuals completed



Southern Iowa Economic Development Association

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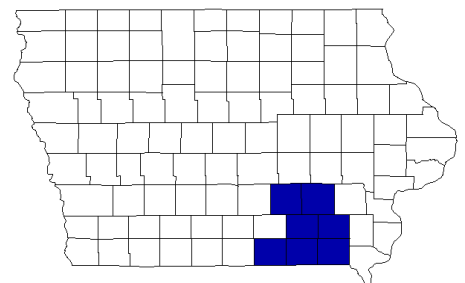
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