



Congressional District 5:

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

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

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



Through the **EMPLOYMENT ADVOCACY INITIATIVE**

- 94 individuals have been served
- 371 community employers have been contacted
- 29 support services have been provided
- 41 individuals have secured full time employment; 3 have secured part time employment
- 45 individuals have been 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. 6 Quote from ARRA Beneficiary

With the **CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE TRAINING INITIATIVE** individuals and early childhood programs continue to have access to 120 clock hours of training.

- 18 trainings (82 hours) have been conducted with participants reporting satisfaction with the training



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

- 140 scholarships have been awarded
- 218 individuals have enrolled in the education program and completed the scholarship agreement

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

- 15 of the 36 enrolled in the short-term training class are graduating from the training.
11 of the 15 graduates have obtained employment.

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Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc.

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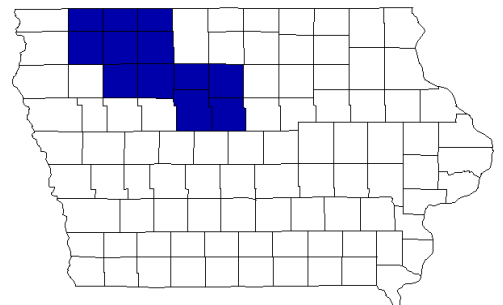
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Indicators of Success

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

- 65 individuals have been assisted; 4 obtained full time employment and 7 obtained part time employment
- 7 individuals were assisted in enrolling in an education program and 18 were assisted with 3rd party payments totaling \$7,016

With the **WIC CLINIC INITIATIVE** lead testing and hemoglobins continue to be performed.

- 2,266 children have received assistance
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- 56 children have been assisted beyond testing



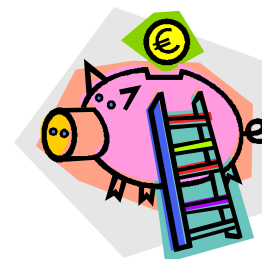
The **EXPAND FOOD PANTRY CAPACITY INITIATIVE** continues to fund local food pantries in order to help keep their shelves stocked and assist in meeting the increased demand for services due to business closing and layoffs.



- 3,708 families (8,407 individuals) have been assisted
- 3,837 pantries have been provided

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

- 903 families (2,586 individuals) were assisted



West Central Community Action

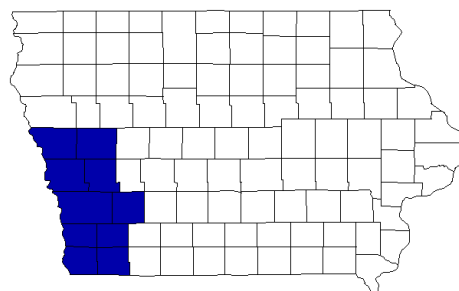
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MATURA Action Corporation

Indicators of Success

4/10/2009 - 6/30/2010



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

- **153** youth enrolled and **86** youth completed the literacy program
- **12** youth obtained full time employment and
- **6** youth obtained part time employment

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



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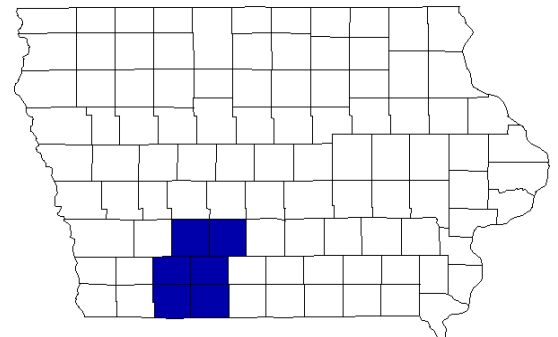
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Community Action Agency of Siouxland

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



The **EMPLOYMENT RELATED EXPENSES INITIATIVE** continues to provide assistance to individuals who are looking for a job or have obtained a new job and need help getting to a job or an interview or need other items related to the job.

- 154 individuals have 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. ó Joe Miller

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

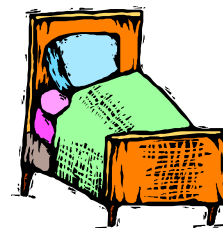
- 135 households have received services

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

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

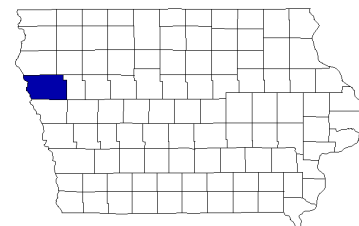
The **FAMILY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE** has the goal of continuing programs such as Family Development and Self-Sufficiency, Shared Visions, Wrap Around, Empowerment and pre-school, (which are vital to strengthening the family unit) that has suffered a loss during the economic downturn.

- 197 families have received services



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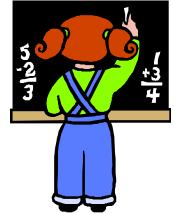


New Opportunities

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The **FAMILY FINANCIAL EDUCATION INITIATIVE** allows 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.

- 142 families/households are now receiving services
- 67 individuals are now completing classes
- 1 new job has been created within New Opportunities



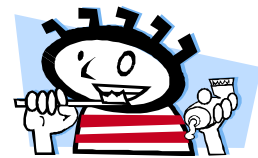
With the **GRANT WRITER INITIATIVE** there is now an employed person who can aggressively pursue new avenues of funding to assist low income families.

- 1 new job has been created at New Opportunities
- 12 grants have been submitted
- 4 grants have been funded
- \$9,500 has been leveraged for agency



HEALTH (DENTAL) INITIATIVE –

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



Through the **ELDERLY CHORE PROGRAM INITIATIVE:**

- 54 families have received assistance
- \$5,096 in assistance has been provided



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

- 26 families are receiving assistance
- \$6,942 in assistance has been provided



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

- 15 families are receiving assistance

- \$6,983 in assistance has been provided

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

- 10,787 households are receiving assistance



The **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE** partners with the community college and continues to operate for education for low income individuals, helping them become more self-sufficient.

- 18 individuals are receiving services
- 18 individuals are enrolled in an education program
- \$9,826 in assistance has been provided



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

- 45 of individuals are receiving assistance
- 45 adults have been identified, assisted and referred



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New Opportunities, Inc.

Chad Jensen, CEO

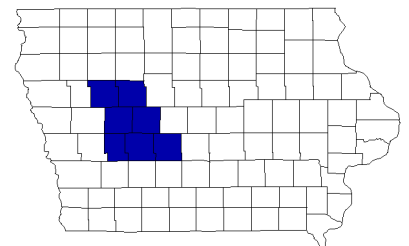
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South Central Iowa Community Action Program

Indicators of Success

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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

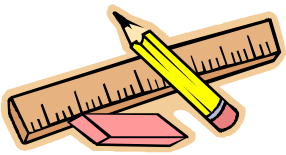
Through the **RENT ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE** families were protected from eviction.

- 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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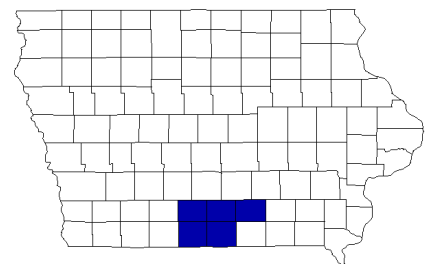
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Through the **FAMILY DEVELOPMENT SELF SUFFICIENCY (FaDSS) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT INITIATIVE** the number of families enrolled in the program will be maintained at the 09 levels.

- \$12,783 has been 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
- 17 families are receiving assistance
- \$3,905 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 120 hours of therapy for mental health patients.

- 104.55 hours of therapy have been given to date
- 113 individuals have been assisted

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

- 104 individuals have participated
 - 1,305 vouchers have been issued

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

- 1,090 individuals were assisted (591 families) were assisted
- 591 food pantries were provided

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