



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 March 2010.

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Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc.

Indicators of Success

4/10/2009 - 3/31/2010



Through the **EMPLOYMENT ADVOCACY INITIATIVE**

- **70** individuals have been served
- **369** community employers have been contacted
- **20** support services have been provided
- **22** individuals have secured full time employment; **2** have secured part time employment
- **17** 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. – 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.

- **7** trainings (**34** hours) have been conducted with **138** participants reporting satisfaction with the training



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

- Of the **229** scholarships that have been requested **140** have been awarded
- **140** individuals have enrolled in the education program and completed the scholarship agreement

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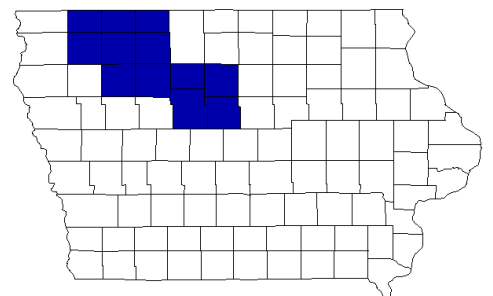
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West Central Community Action

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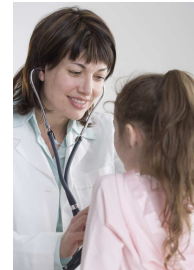


Through the **FAMILY DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST INITIATIVE** one person was hired and many individuals continue to be assisted with identifying and overcoming barriers that hinder employment or educational opportunities.

- **51** individuals have been assisted; **2** obtained full time employment and **7** obtained part time employment
- **6** individuals were assisted in enrolling in an education program and **9** were assisted with 3rd party payments totaling **\$2,800**

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

- **1,686** children have received assistance
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- **44** children have been assisted beyond testing



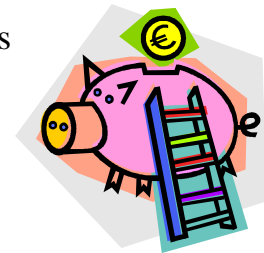
The **EXPAND FOOD PANTRY CAPACITY INITIATIVE** continues to fund local food pantries in order to help keep their shelves stocked and assist in meeting the increased demand for services due to business closing and layoffs.



- **2,669** families (**5,515** individuals) have been assisted
- **2,679** 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.

- **553** families (**1,627** individuals) were assisted



West Central Community Action

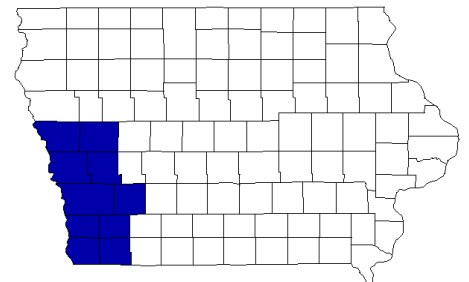
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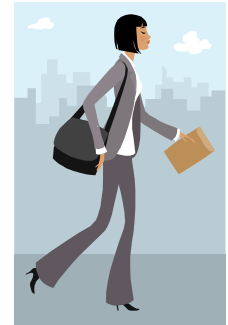
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Through the **SUMMER YOUTH INITIATIVE** participants improved literacy skills and obtained employment.

- **90** 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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MATURA Action Corporation

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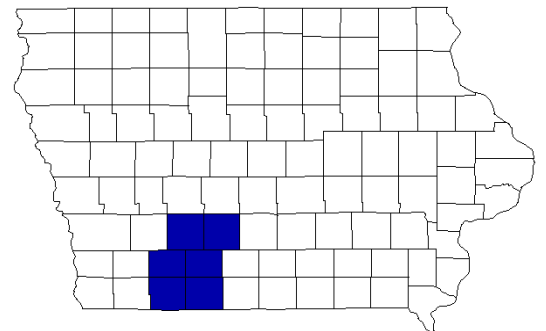
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Community Action Agency of Siouxland

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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.

- **151** 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. – Joe Miller

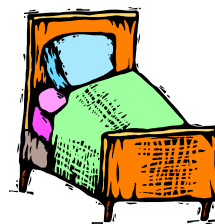
The **UTILITY ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE** continues to provide assistance to qualifying families up to 200% of poverty who have not qualified for assistance in the past. This initiative provides payment for a portion of the family's utility bills.

- **130** 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** there have been **131** beds provided for families in need of improving their living conditions.

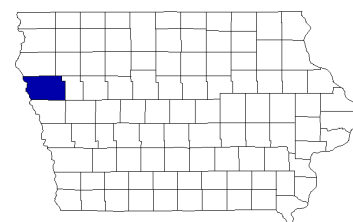


The **FAMILY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE** has the goal of continuing programs such as Family Development and Self-Sufficiency, Shared Visions, Wrap Around, Empowerment and pre-school, (which are vital to strengthening the family unit) that has suffered a loss during the economic downturn.



- **197** families have received services
- **26** staff have been retained in Early Childhood Programs.

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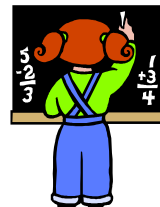
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The **FAMILY FINANCIAL EDUCATION INITIATIVE** allows New Opportunities to provide one-on-one and/or group financial literacy education to low income individuals and families and to help them manage their limited family financial resources.

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

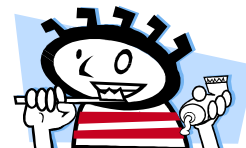


With the **GRANT WRITER INITIATIVE** there is now an employed person who can aggressively pursue new avenues of funding to assist low income families.

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

HEALTH (DENTAL) INITIATIVE -

- 519 children have been served
- 519 children are now receiving fluoride varnish
- 519 children are now receiving 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.

- 7 families are receiving assistance
- \$647 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
- \$5,534 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;

- 9,938 households are receiving assistance

New Opportunities, Inc.

Chad Jensen, CEO

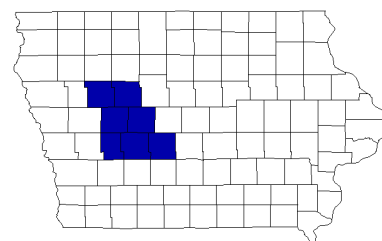
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The **FOOD PANTRY INITIATIVE** provided fresh grocery items as well as other living essentials not provided through food stamps.

- **142** individuals (**47** families) were assisted
- **47** food pantries were provided

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

- **17** families were assisted
- **\$5,122** 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.

- **10** youth were served

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South Central Iowa Community Action Program

Jim Smith, Executive Director

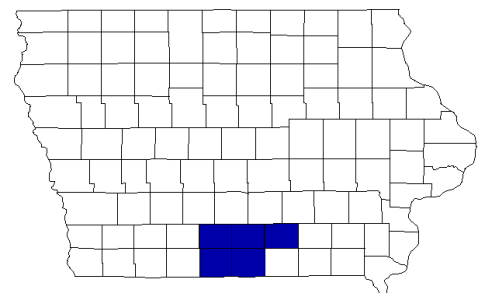
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Through the **FAMILY DEVELOPMENT SELF SUFFICIENCY (FaDSS) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT INITIATIVE** the number of families enrolled in the program will be maintained at the 09 levels.

- **\$6,366** 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
- **\$2,568** of assistance was provided



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

- **122** providers were assisted.

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

- **64** families were assisted.



Through the **ENHANCE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES INITIATIVE** funding was provided to support 120 hours of therapy for mental health patients.

- **85.97** hours of therapy have been given to date
- **95** individuals have been assisted



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

- **71** individuals have participated
- **1,004** vouchers have been issued



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

- **982** individuals were assisted (**294** families) were assisted
- **294** food pantries were provided

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