



Iowa ARRA – CSBG Summary of Outcomes

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 produced by these programs for each of Iowa's 18 Community Action Agencies. Programs range from employment assistance to self-sufficiency and financial literacy initiatives – all with the same goal of helping people, changing lives.

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The **DIRECT ASSISTANCE HOUSING INITIATIVE** assisted families with low income retain or obtain safe and sanitary housing.

- 323 families have received assistance

The **HOMEOWNERSHIP COUNSELING INITIATIVE** assisted 46 households.

The **DIRECT ASSISTANCE UTILITIES INITIATIVE** assisted families with low income retain or obtain needed utilities such as water, sewer, electricity or heating.

- 872 families were assisted

The **BUDGET COUNSELING INITIATIVE** provided families with low income one-on-one education and assistance in financial management to approach self-sufficiency.

- 112 households participated

With the **DENTAL INITIATIVE** there was transportation available for dental appointments and individuals with low income to receive needed dental work.

- 77 individuals received dental work

Northeast Iowa Community Action

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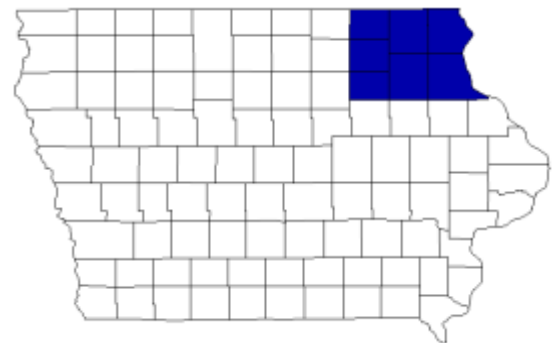
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Indicators of Success

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The **DIRECT EMERGENCY UTILITIES ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE** served families and individuals with needs such as natural gas, electric, water, deliverable fuels, and rent to prevent utility shutoffs or home evictions.

- 522 families received assistance

The **SELF-SUFFICIENCY INITIATIVE** provided job training scholarships for short-term job training costs (tuition, fees, books) and supportive services (child care, transportation) for people with low incomes seeking employment.

- 72 individuals have received job training

The **FINANCIAL LITERACY SELF-SUFFICIENCY INITIATIVE** provided financial literacy training to assist individuals with money management skills, including budgeting, use of credit, predatory lending, and asset building.

- 13 group trainings were conducted with 41 individuals attending and 23 individuals completing the training
- 2,017 were assisted with filing for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC); 2,042 with tax preparation and 3 with Individual Development Accounts (IDA)

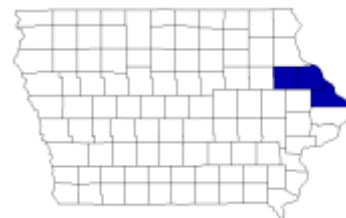


I learned about how to save my money. I didn't know that you have to pay fees at ATM's, on annual credit cards and some contracts. This is important because it will save me money in the long run. People should save their money and not carry a lot of money so they don't spend it. This helps to keep a budget working. Thanks for teaching us about budgeting. It will be important throughout my life. – Quote from High School Student who participated in financial literacy training

With the **AGENCY CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVE:**

- 9 individuals were hired in clerical support positions to provide coverage of the outreach centers and provide client intake in support of the outreach staff
- 3 individuals were hired to coordinate job training and scholarships, financial literacy training, EITC outreach, expansion of free income tax preparation sites and participation in IDAs

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Operation Threshold

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Through the **FAMILY DEVELOPMENT GROUP INITIATIVE** families decreased their reliance on public assistance and increased their reliance on employment income.



- 13 participants who entered the group unemployed became employed while participating
- 4 participants obtained a higher wage job
- 13 group meetings were held with 120 individuals attending and completing the program

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

- 15 unemployed participants became employed
- 6 obtained higher wage employment



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



- 49 adults received one-on-one financial counseling
- 81 group financial literacy trainings were held with a total of 396 participants completing the training
- 230 families participated in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program

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

- 77 adults requested and received one-on-one mortgage foreclosure prevention counseling
- 51 households were able to avoid foreclosure

Operation Threshold

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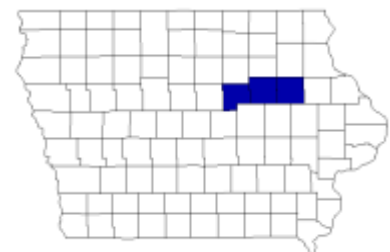
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The **FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAM INITIATIVE** assisted families to become more economically self-sufficient.

- 2 financial trainings were conducted with 21 individuals attending and completing the training
- 372 household financial workshops were conducted with 952 individuals assisted
- 372 households increased their ability to pay rent/mortgage

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

- 401 families were assisted
- 4 individuals obtained full-time employment; 5 retained full-time employment
- 168 individuals received job counseling and 104 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.” – Quote from ARRA beneficiary

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

- 401 youth were enrolled; 159 youth scholarships were provided
- 97 youth were linked into work or life skill building activities

With the **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE** communities and neighborhoods responded to families in need.

- 645 community building meetings were held
- 58 community based projects were initiated
- 92 partnerships were developed



The **RECRUITMENT & JOB SKILLS INITIATIVE** resulted in 134 new employees.

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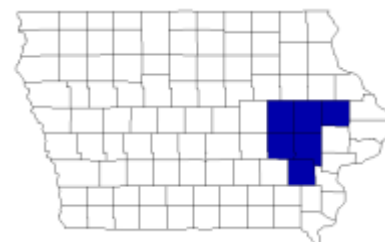
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Community Action of Eastern Iowa

Indicators of Success

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Through the **SHORT TERM CHILD CARE TRAINING/INTERNSHIP INITIATIVE** individuals obtained pre-employment skills/competencies required for employment and received a training program certificate.

- 23 individuals received college credit
- 30 individuals entered the workforce as a result of the training program
- 119 individuals were enrolled in a short term training program
- 89 individuals completed a short term training program
- \$149,351 of scholarship assistance was provided
- 130 individuals were enrolled in a work readiness program
- 120 individuals completed a work readiness program



This initiative has increased educational opportunities including vocational, literacy, life skill training, ABE/GED, and post-secondary education.

- 173 individuals benefited
- 23 individuals received a GED

YOUTH INVESTMENT INITIATIVE

- 544 children received a scholarship for physical health activities
- \$35,069 scholarship assistance was provided for the youth enrichment initiative

Youth have improved social/emotional development

- 476 children received a scholarship for youth enrichment activities
- \$48,814 in scholarship assistance was provided

Youth will increase academic skills

- 1,850 children received a scholarship for academic youth enrichment activities
- \$17,240 in scholarship assistance was provided

Through the **HEAD START MODEL CLASSROOM INITIATIVE** comprehensive early childhood programs were available to low income families. Children were able to participate in preschool activities to develop school readiness skills.

- 49 children enrolled



Families eliminated a crisis situation or overcame barriers to self-sufficiency by **SECURING NEEDED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

- 111 families received emergency shelter assistance



- 611 families received emergency energy assistance
- 160 families received other emergency assistance

Through the **FAMILY GROUPS INITIATIVE-HEADSTART & FAMILY DEVELOPMENT:**

- 116 families benefitted from participation in groups



Through the **FINANCIAL LITERACY INITIATIVE** there were increased educational opportunities, including vocational, literacy, life skill training, ABE/GED and post secondary education.

- 100 households benefitted
- 13 staff members were trained



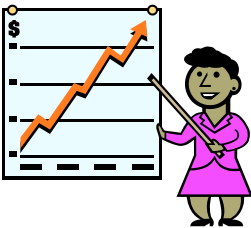
Through the **WEATHERIZATION KITS INITIATIVE** families overcame barriers to self-sufficiency by securing needed non-financial assistance to reduce energy costs.

- 1,917 families received the kit



Through the **ENERGY AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM** families increased their income and lowered their energy burden by using their EITC to pay on their utility bill and receive a match payment on their utilities.

- 326 families received matching funds
- \$99,650 in matching funds was distributed



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The **CRISIS ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE** provided families financial assistance to eliminate a crisis situation or overcome barriers to self-sufficiency.

- 500 families/households received shelter assistance
- 195 families received energy assistance



The **LONG TERM DISASTER RECOVERY INITIATIVE** assisted 28 families.

The **COMMUNITY PARTNERS INITIATIVE**, a collaboration between NICAO and Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa helped families who experienced challenges or a crisis, but didn't meet the FaDSS enrollment guidelines.

- 332 families (922 individuals) were assisted
- 46 obtained full-time employment
- 35 obtained part-time employment



The **CLIENT ASSISTANCE TO HEADSTART ADOPT A CHILD PROGRAM** assisted 151 Head Start families with children age's three to four by providing them with winter coats, snow pants, and boots.

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North Iowa Community Action

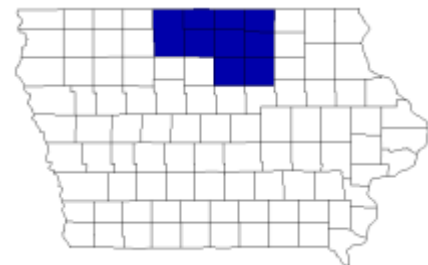
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Through the **EMPLOYMENT ADVOCACY INITIATIVE**:

- 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.

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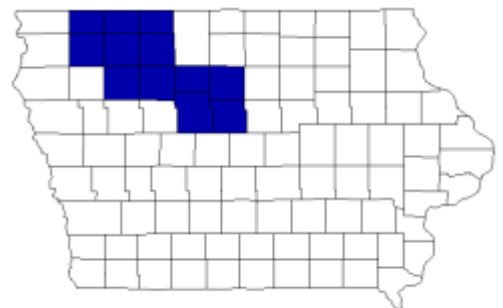
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Through the **FAMILY DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST INITIATIVE** one person was hired and individuals were assisted with identifying and overcoming barriers that hinder employment or educational opportunities.



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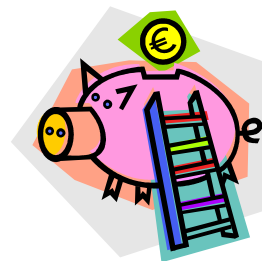
The **EXPAND FOOD PANTRY CAPACITY INITIATIVE** continued to fund local food pantries in order to help keep their shelves stocked and assisted in meeting the increased demand for services due to business closing and layoffs.



- 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

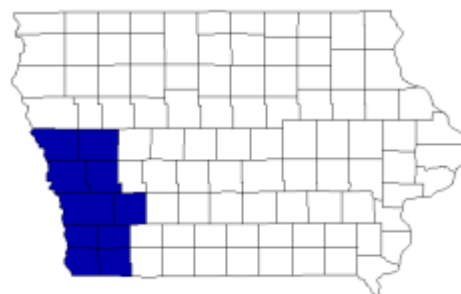
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Through the **SUMMER YOUTH INITIATIVE** participants improved literacy skills and obtained employment.

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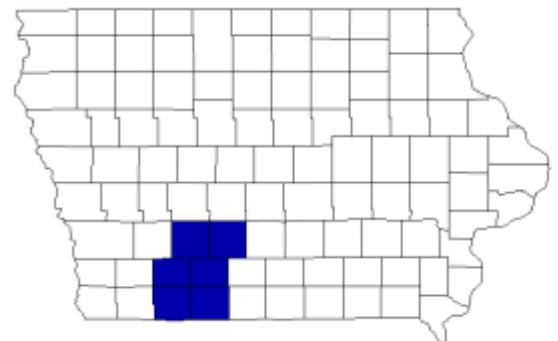
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The **EMPLOYMENT RELATED EXPENSES INITIATIVE** continued to provide assistance to individuals who were either looking for a job or needed help getting to their job or an interview or needed other items related to the job.

- 157 individuals received assistance

In February of 2009 I lost my job as a Foreman 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

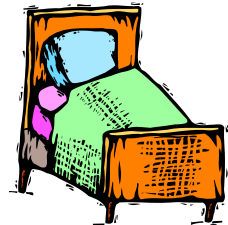
The **UTILITY ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE** continued to provide assistance to qualifying families up to 200% of poverty who did not qualified for assistance in the past. This initiative provided payment for a portion of the family's utility bills.

- 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.

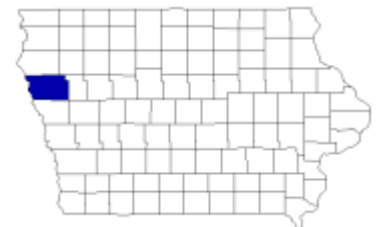


The **FAMILY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE** had the goal of continuing programs such as Family Development and Self-Sufficiency, Shared Visions, Wrap Around, Empowerment and pre-school, (which are vital to strengthening the family unit) that has suffered a loss during the economic downturn.

- 437 families received services



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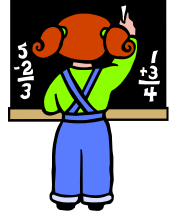
New Opportunities

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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



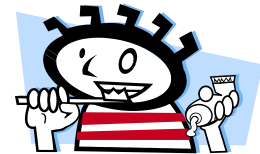
With the **GRANT WRITER INITIATIVE** there is now an employed person who pursues new avenues of funding to assist low income families.

- 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



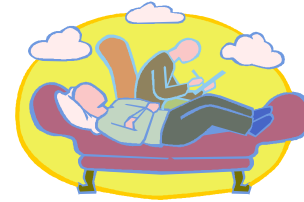
The **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE** partnered with the community college for education for low income individuals, helping them become more self-sufficient.

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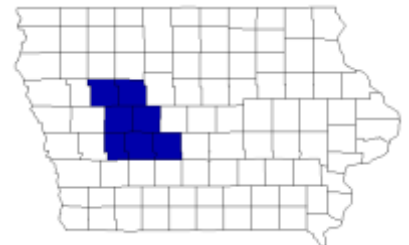
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The **FOOD PANTRY INITIATIVE** provided fresh grocery items as well as other living essentials not provided through food stamps.

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

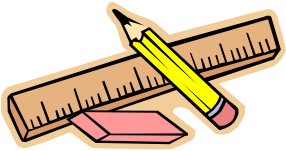
Through the **RENT ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE** families were protected from eviction.

- 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



Success

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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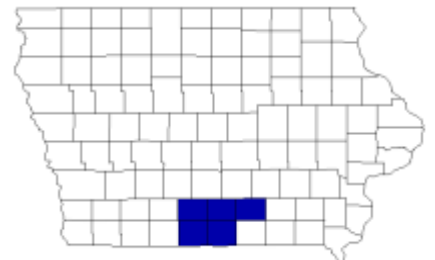
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Mid-Sioux Opportunity

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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



Mid-Sioux Opportunity

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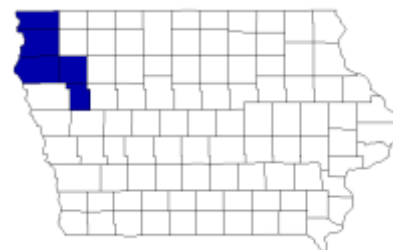
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Indicators of Success

4/10/2009 - 9/30/2010

Through the **BACK TO WORK PROGRAM INITIATIVE:**

- 93 individuals obtained full-time employment
- 87 individuals obtained part-time employment
- 63 individuals 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.

- 15 employees were hired full-time
- 631 clients were served



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

- 216 persons experiencing homelessness were able to attain and maintain a home
- 168 clients learned to budget to become more self-sufficient
- 62 individuals obtained full-time employment
- 66 individuals obtained part-time employment



Red Rock Area Community Action

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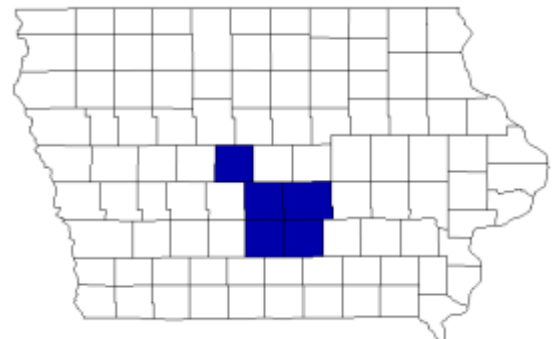
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Through the **PERSONAL PANTRY INITIATIVE** personal items were provided on an emergency basis to families.

- 970 families received assistance; (2,912 individuals)

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

- 328 families (920 individuals) received assistance
- \$138, 336 of assistance was provided



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

- 24 individuals attended group instruction; 18 completed the instruction
- 124 family consultations were provided

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

- 929 youth received assistance



With the **TREE REMOVAL INITIATIVE** high risk/hazardous trees on the property of low-income families were removed with new trees planted in their place.

- 49 households were assisted
- 148 trees were removed

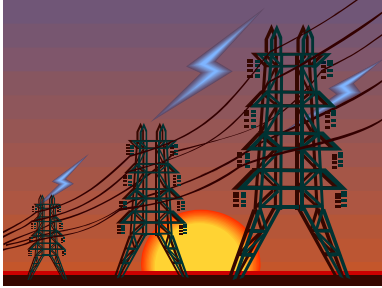


The **EMERGENCY ENERGY ASSISTANCE** provided funding to eligible households in danger of disconnect, assisting with heat, electric and water. It also provided repair or replacement of non-functioning furnaces and provided the



placement of window air conditioning or fans for medically needs households.

- 163 households were assisted



Through the **UTILITY ASSISTANCE PAYMENT** a onetime utility payment was made to a utility company for households whose income was between 150 and 200% of poverty.

- 250 households were assisted

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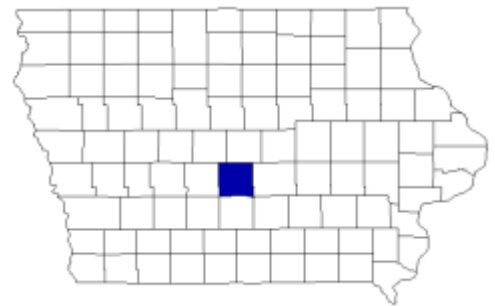
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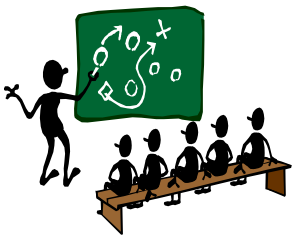
Through the **FAMILY FINANCIAL FITNESS INITIATIVE:**

- 896 participants received services to improve their financial situation and increased total number of tangible assets
- 99 people's foreclosures were avoided
- 12 people established IDA's
- 719 families received EITC
- 107 individuals reduced their debt load



Through the **JOB COACHING & SUPPORT INITIATIVE:**

- 145 participants increased their employability and connection with appropriate supports
- 5 participants enrolled in part-time education
- 7 participants enrolled in full-time education
- 17 participants achieved part-time employment
- 36 participants achieved full-time employment



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

- 145 families received dental care



Through the **START SOONER, STAY LONGER, KEEP LEARNING INITIATIVE, an early literacy project:**

- 1,469 families received direct contact with MICA staff



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



Mid-Iowa Community Action

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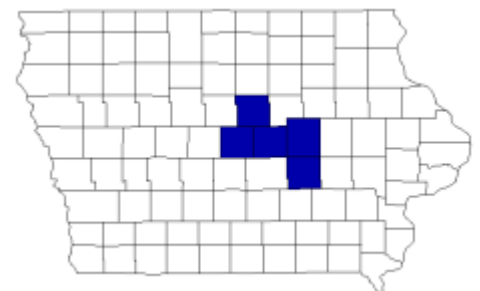
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Successes



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

- 1,353 families (3,884 individuals) received emergency energy assistance
- 356 families received emergency shelter assistance

With the goal to increase **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** provided financial assistance for home or car repair, child care, or cooling assistance.

- 89 families received financial assistance
- 1,716 families received emergency food assistance
- 705 received emergency clothing assistance
- 750 families received non-cash crisis 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. – Quote from ARRA beneficiary

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

- 46 parents received parenting skills education

With the **CHILD CARE EDUCATOR INITIATIVE:**

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



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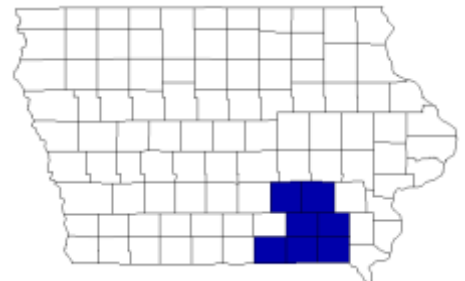
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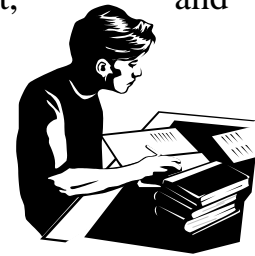
Through the **FINANCIAL LITERACY INITIATIVE** individuals learned how to manage finances, establish a banking relationship and reduce debt.



- 48 financial literacy trainings were conducted
- 118 individuals attended with 85 completing the training
- 61 individuals developed a budget and 60 established an active savings account
- \$200 in debt was paid off

With the **SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE** youth received training on job readiness and employment skills, how to retain employment, and increased their household income.

- 21 youth enrolled with 19 completing the program
- 6 youth earned a credential; 20 demonstrated they understood employment concepts
- 19 completed on-the-job training
- \$30,724 in wages was earned by the youth



The **MEDICAL 3RD PARTY INITIATIVE** provided families with medical assistance for an immediate need.

- 151 individuals received medical assistance
- \$22,038 in financial assistance was provided

Through the **THIRD PARTY CRISIS ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE** families were able to receive emergency assistance for an immediate need.

- 139 families received emergency assistance
- \$21,926 in financial assistance was provided

The **FAMILY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE** assisted 619 families (1,647 individuals) with 10 obtaining full time employment; 12 obtaining part time employment; and 3 enrolling in an education program.





With the **FOOD PANTRY ENHANCEMENT & NUTRITION FOCUS INITIATIVE 5** food pantries assisted 2,275 families.

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