



Iowa ARRA – CSBG Summary of Outcomes

Eighteen community action agencies provide services to low income children and families in Iowa:

- 1. Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation**
- 2. Operation: New View Community Action Agency**
- 3. Operation Threshold**
- 4. Hawkeye Area Community Action Program**
- 5. Community Action of Eastern Iowa**
- 6. North Iowa Community Action Organization**
- 7. Upper Des Moines Opportunity**
- 8. West Central Development Corporation**
- 9. MATURA Action Corporation**
- 10. Community Action of Siouxland**
- 11. New Opportunities**
- 12. South Central Iowa Community Action Program**
- 13. Mid-Sioux Opportunity**
- 14. Red Rock Area Community Action Program**
- 15. Des Moines Community Action Agency**
- 16. Mid-Iowa Community Action**
- 17. Southern Iowa Economic Development Association**
- 18. Community Action of Southeast Iowa**

All 18 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.

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Indicators of Success

4/10/2009 – 6/30/2010

Success

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

- 281 families have received assistance



The **HOMEOWNERSHIP COUNSELING INITIATIVE** has assisted 40 households.

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

- 636 families have received assistance

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

- 110 households have participated



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

- 75 individuals have received dental work



Northeast Iowa Community Action

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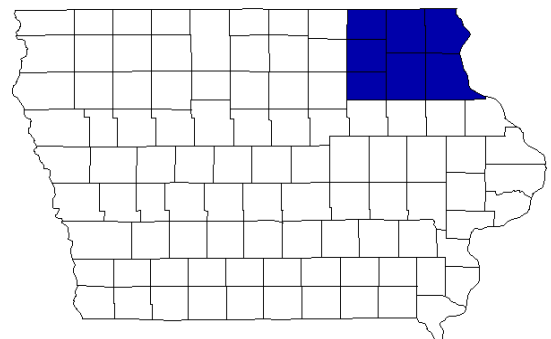
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Indicators of Success

4/10/2009 – 6/30/2010



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

- **522** families have received assistance

The **SELF-SUFFICIENCY INITIATIVE** provides 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.

- **55** individuals have received job training

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

- Nine group trainings have been conducted with **28** individuals attending
- **18** individuals completed 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)

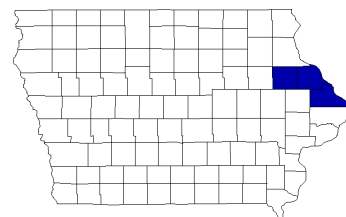


I learned about how to save my money. I didn't know that you have to pay fees at ATM's, on annual credit cards and some contracts. This is important because it will save me money in the long run. People should save their money and not carry a lot of money so they don't spend it. This helps to keep a budget working. Thanks for teaching us about budgeting. It will be important throughout my life. 6 Quote from High School Student who participated in financial literacy training

With the **AGENCY CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVE**

- **3** individuals have been hired in clerical support positions to provide coverage of the outreach centers and provide client intake in support of the outreach staff
- **2** 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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Success

Operation Threshold

Indicators of Success

4/10/2009 - 6/30/2010

Success

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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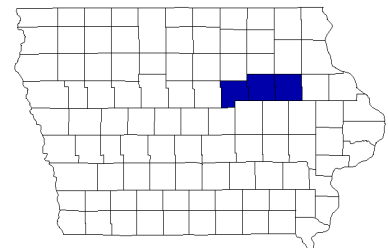
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Hawkeye Area Community Action Program

Indicators of Success

4/10/2009 – 6/30/2010

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.

Hawkeye Area Community Action Program

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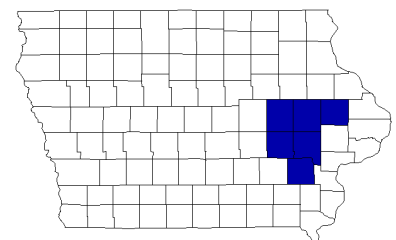
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Successes

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4/10/2009 - 6/30/2010

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

- 10 individuals are receiving college credit
- 24 individuals entered the workforce as a result of the training program
- 108 individuals are enrolled in a short term training program
- 65 individuals are completing a short term training program
- \$112,833 of scholarship assistance has been provided
- 115 individuals are enrolled in a work readiness program
- 105 individuals are completing a work readiness program



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

- 197 individuals are benefiting.
- 6 individuals are receiving a GED

Through the **YOUTH INVESTMENT INITIATIVE** youth have improved physical health and development.

- 510 children are receiving a scholarship for youth enrichment activities
- \$33,053 scholarship assistance has been provided for the youth enrichment

Youth have improved social/emotional development.

- 338 children are receiving a scholarship for youth enrichment activities
- \$37,257 in scholarship assistance has been provided

Youth will increase academic skills.

- 120 children are receiving a scholarship for youth enrichment activities
- \$13,984 in scholarship assistance has been provided

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

- 49 children enrolled





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

- 79 families are now receiving emergency shelter assistance
- 565 families are now receiving emergency energy assistance
- 160 families are now receiving other emergency assistance

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

- 111 families are benefitting from participation in groups.



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



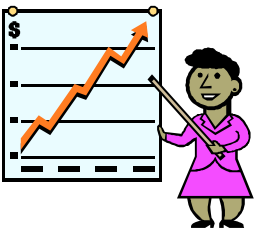
- 92 of households are benefitting.
- 13 staff members have been trained.

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

- 1,389 families have received the kit.



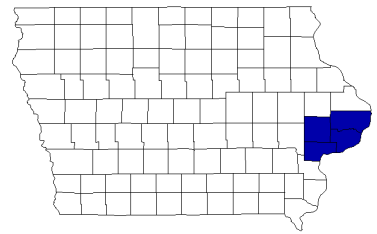
Through the **ENERGY AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM** families increase their income and lower their energy burden by using their EITC to pay on their utility bill and receiving a match payment on their utilities.



- 231 families are receiving matching funds.
- \$68,777 in matching funds has been distributed

Success

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4/10/2009 – 6/30/2010

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

- 407 families/households received shelter assistance
- 144 families received energy assistance



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

The **COMMUNITY PARTNERS INITIATIVE** has assisted

- 262 families, (739 individuals)
- 38 have obtained full-time employment
- 31 have obtained part-time employment



Success

North Iowa Community Action

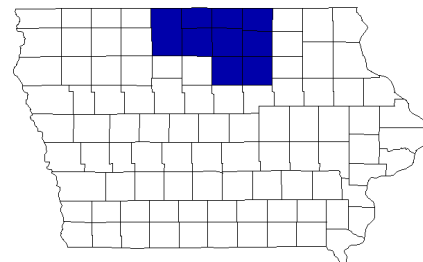
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4/10/2009 - 6/30/2010



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 205 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.

- 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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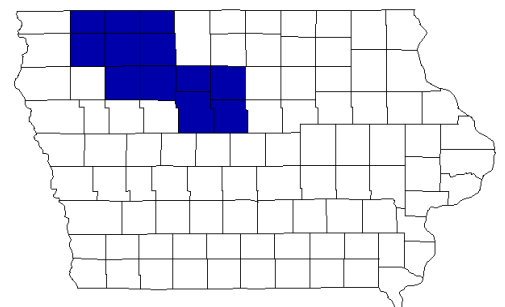
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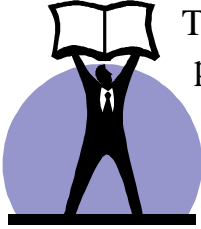
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Indicators of Success

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Success



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
- 2,266 children have received lead tests and hemoglobins
- 56 children have been assisted beyond testing



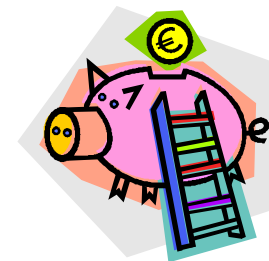
The **EXPAND FOOD PANTRY CAPACITY INITIATIVE** continues to fund local food pantries in order to help keep their shelves stocked and assist in meeting the increased demand for services due to business closing and layoffs.



- 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

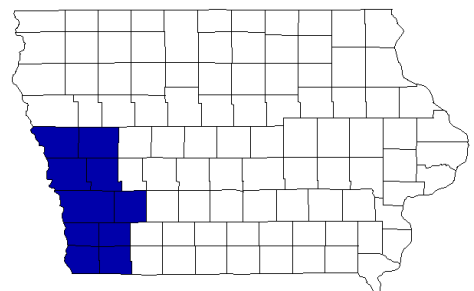
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MATURA Action Corporation

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.



Success

MATURA Action Corporation

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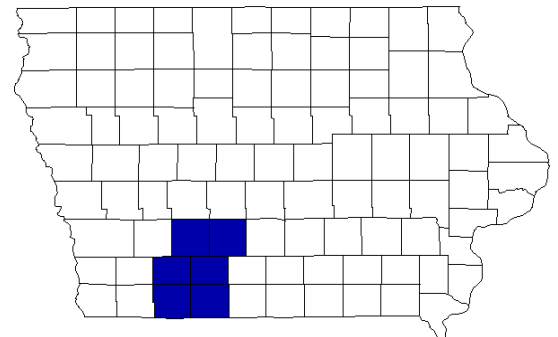
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Indicators of Success

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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.

- 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

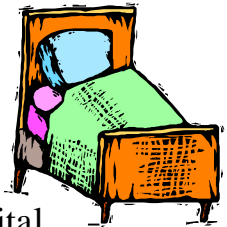
The **UTILITY ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE** continues to provide assistance to qualifying families up to 200% of poverty who have not qualified for assistance in the past. This initiative provides payment for a portion of the family's utility bills.

- 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.

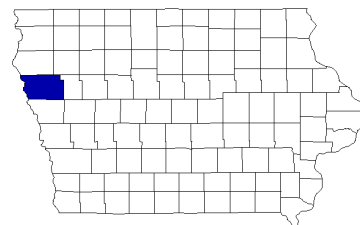


The **FAMILY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE** has the goal of continuing programs such as Family Development and Self-Sufficiency, Shared Visions, Wrap Around, Empowerment and pre-school, (which are vital to strengthening the family unit) that has suffered a loss during the economic downturn.

- 197 families have received services



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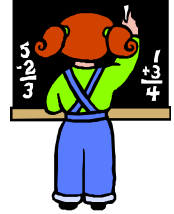
New Opportunities

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4/10/2009 - 6/30/2010

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



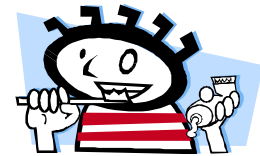
With the **GRANT WRITER INITIATIVE** there is now an employed person who can aggressively pursue new avenues of funding to assist low income families.

- 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



Success

New Opportunities, Inc.

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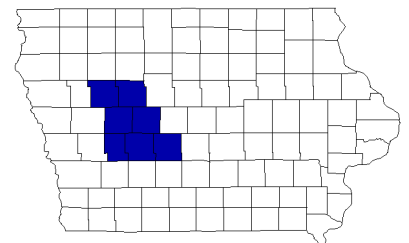
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South Central Iowa Community Action Program

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4/10/2009 - 6/30/2010



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

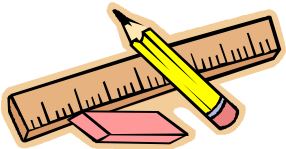
Through the **RENT ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE** families were protected from eviction.

- 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 provided to families for improved nutrition, exercise and supplemental income.

- 268 families were assisted



South Central Iowa Community Action Program

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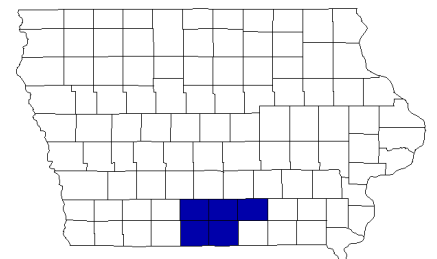
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Success

Mid-Sioux Opportunity

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



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.

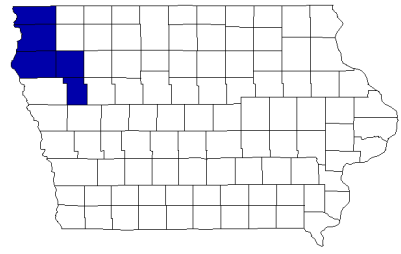
- 104 individuals have participated
1,305 vouchers have been issued

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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Red rock Area Community Action Program

Indicators of Success

4/10/2009 - 6/30/2010

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**

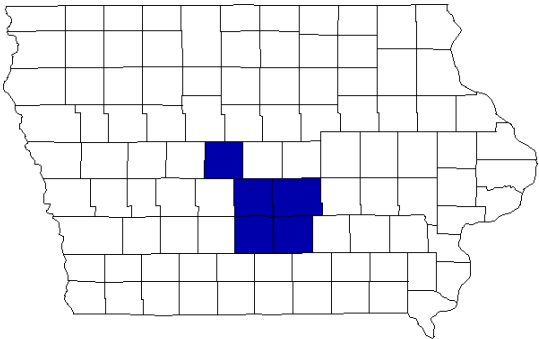
- **144** persons experiencing homelessness were able to attain and maintain a home
- **102** clients learned to budget to become more self-sufficient
- **36** individuals obtained full-time employment
- **43** individuals obtained part-time employment



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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



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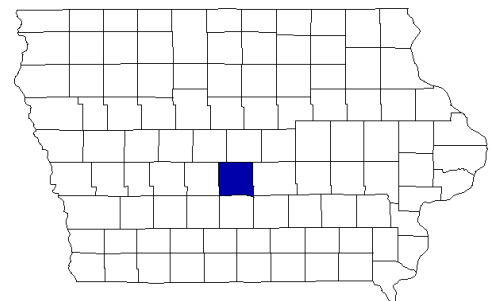
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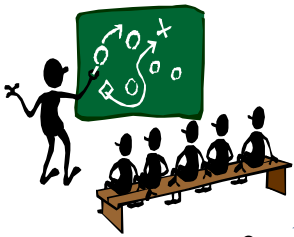
Through the **FAMILY FINANCIAL FITNESS INITIATIVE**

- 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



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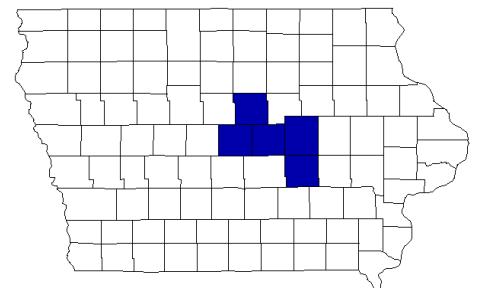
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The **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE** continues to provide access to emergency financial resources such as rent/rent deposits, telephone deposits, utility arrearages, food pantries, etc.).

- 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



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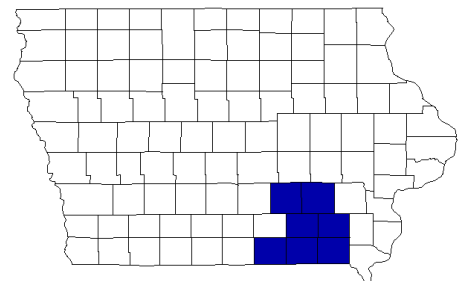
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Through the **FINANCIAL LITERACY INITIATIVE** individuals continue to learn how to manage finances, establish a banking relationship and reduce debt.



- 48 financial literacy trainings have been conducted
- 117 individuals attended with 72 completing the training
- 59 individuals developed a budget and 58 established an active savings account
- \$200 in debt has been paid off

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

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



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

- 79 individuals received medical assistance
- \$8,374 in financial assistance was provided



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

- 131 families received emergency assistance
- \$20,478 in financial assistance was provided



The **FAMILY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE** assisted 316 families (881 individuals) with 10 obtaining full time employment; 9 obtaining part time employment; and 3 enrolling in an education program.

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