

We Are Here To Help You!

- Family Services
- Emergency Services (Food/Shelter)
- Weatherization
- Housing
- Family Development and Self-Sufficiency
- Community Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- Public Transit
- Early Childhood Programs
(Head Start & Early Head Start)
- Child Care Food Program

The Promise of Community Action
"Community Action changes people's lives,
embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities,
and makes America a better place to live. We care
about the entire community and we are dedicated to
helping people help themselves and each other."

Family Service Offices are located
throughout northeast Iowa

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY

953 3rd Avenue NW, Waukon
563-568-4224

BREMER COUNTY

117 West Bremer Avenue, Waverly
319-352-4532

CHICKASAW COUNTY

910 East Main Street, New Hampton
641-394-2007

CLAYTON COUNTY

600 Gunder Road NE, Suite 11, Elkader
563-245-2452

FAYETTE COUNTY

297 5th Avenue SW, Oelwein
319-283-2510

Basement Fayette County Court House
West Union
563-422-3354

HOWARD COUNTY

204 2nd Avenue East, Cresco
563-547-4413

WINNESHIEK COUNTY

305 Montgomery, Decorah
563-382-8436 Ext. 150

"NEICAC's mission is to strengthen
communities toward lifelong success"



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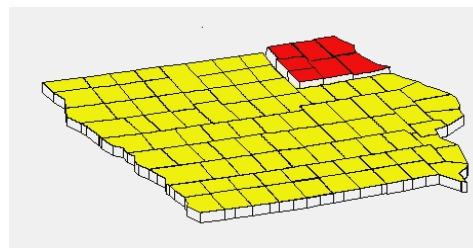


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*NEICAC has served individuals
and families in the seven
northeastern Iowa counties of
Allamakee, Bremer, Chickasaw,
Clayton, Fayette, Howard and
Winneshiek since 1965*



FAMILY SERVICES—Family Service Offices are the starting point for all NEICAC’s services and referrals to other providers to assist individuals and families in times of need. These offices help the poor, the elderly, the disabled, and children meet basic needs. Offices are located in Waukon, Waverly, New Hampton, Elkader, West Union, Oelwein, Cresco and Decorah. In Chickasaw, Fayette, Howard, and Winneshiek Counties we administer those counties General Assistance Programs through our Family Service Offices. The Family Service Offices in Waverly, Cresco & Decorah operate the primary food pantries for those counties. (See back of brochure for locations & telephone numbers.) When funds are available the Family Services offices provide crisis intervention for families facing utility disconnection, homelessness, emergency LP and fuel oil deliveries.

PUBLIC TRANSIT—serves Allamakee, Clayton, Fayette, Howard & Winneshiek counties. We are the official public transit provider for this region under the Iowa DOT. We are proud to offer safe and reliable public transportation to all citizens in our area. Everyone can ride. Because we serve a rural area, we’ve structured our services to meet the transportation needs of everyone, regardless of whether they live in a community or in the country. For most services, we pick you up right at your door and take you wherever you need to go. People use us regularly to get to work, to school, to medical appointments, to go shopping, or to visit family and friends. To schedule a ride, you must call the transit dispatch office. Office hours are Monday—Friday from 5am—5pm. A minimum of 24hour advance notice is requested. Same day trip requests will be accepted, but dependent on driver and vehicle availability. For additional information, or to schedule a ride, contact the Transit Office toll-free at 1-866-382-4259.

Wheels for Work is a car ownership program designed to help eligible families and individuals purchase an affordable and dependable vehicle. The program offers 0% interest loans to people who are working and meet eligibility requirements. To learn more about the program or to request an application, call the NEICAC Transit Office toll-free at 1-866-382-4259

LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE—helps low-income home owners and renters with their energy costs. A portion of a household’s winter heating costs are paid. To qualify a household’s income must not exceed 175% of federal poverty guidelines. Qualifying households may also receive financial assistance through the Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP) to repair or replace furnaces.

WEATHERIZATION—provides materials and labor to help low-income families make their homes more energy efficient. Work may include preventing air infiltration, providing insulation and furnace repair or replacement and refrigerator replacement. Households must not exceed 200% of the federal poverty guidelines.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS—NEICAC operates 15 Head Start & Child Development classrooms in all 7 counties. The Head Start and Child Development classrooms serve 3-5 year olds and their families. All of our classrooms provide extended daily hours, 6AM to 6PM, to assist families with working members or those needing to fulfill schooling and training obligations. The classrooms provide nutritious breakfasts and lunches through the CACFP program, health screenings, age appropriate classroom activities, social services, and parent involvement opportunities to each enrolled child and their families. Transportation is available at some locations through the school district or local transit providers.

Early Head Start Program is for expectant moms and children ages 0-3 in a home based setting and offers education, health, parent involvement and social services to participants. Currently the Early Head Start Program is available only in Allamakee, Clayton, Fayette and Winneshiek counties.

AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

NEICAC is an Equal Opportunity Employer

HOUSING— Programs focus on everyone’s right to safe and affordable housing. NEICAC built and manages: two 6 unit low-income multifamily housing complexes in Calmar, a 16 unit low-income senior housing complex in Decorah and the “Woolen Mill” apartments, a 15 unit, historic renovation, multi-family project in downtown Decorah.

In 2006 NEICAC partnered with Winneshiek Habitat for Humanity and constructed the Ridgewood Duplex in Decorah. The duplex provides independent living for four individuals with disabilities.

In 2007 we started the Lease Purchase Program. We currently have a total of 21 completed homes in Cresco, Postville, West Union, Lawler, Tripoli, Volga, Oelwein, Garnavillo, Fayette, Fredericksburg, Waukon, Sumner, and Calmar. Families and individuals interested in availability of housing through NEICAC or our Financial Fitness and Home Buyer Education program may call 563-382-8436 Ext. 109 or 151.

COMMUNITY ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY PREVENTION PROGRAM - “Building Futures for Youth” is the coalition working to prevent teen pregnancy in Northeast Iowa. Currently our program is working with area schools to provide comprehensive sex education, as required by Iowa law. We provide education for 6-12 grades in over 30 schools in our service area.

FaDSS (Family Development and Self-Sufficiency) - assist families that are enrolled in the FIP program overcome the obstacles blocking their journey to self-sufficiency. Certified Family Development Specialists provides families with support, advocacy and skill building.

CHILD CARE FOOD PROGRAM—provides education and training to Registered Home Child Care Providers in the area of nutrition. Participating providers also receive financial assistance in the form of reimbursement based on the number of children served and the number of meals provided. Additional information on the program may be obtained by contacting 563-382-8436 Ext. 142. The program services all of NEICAC’s seven counties and is not income based.