

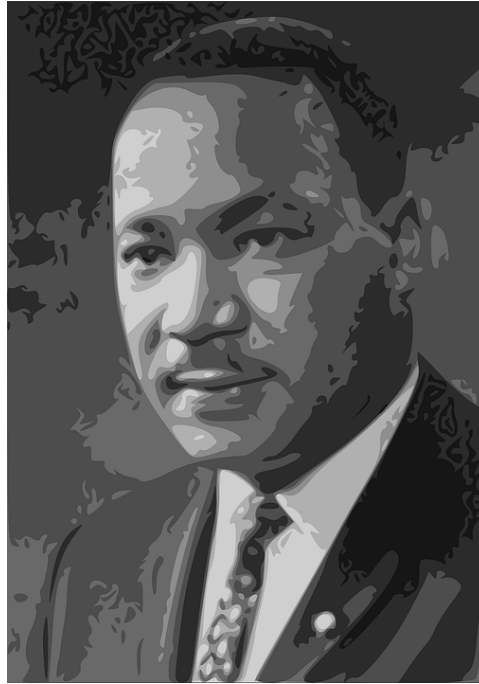
Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Report



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Our **VISION** is for people in southeast Iowa to have the opportunity to reach their maximum potential.

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History



- Community Action Agencies began by an act of legislation as a part of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 by President Lyndon Johnson. This was a part of his War on Poverty.
- Community Action of Southeast Iowa began in 1966.
- We are 1 of 16 in Iowa and 1 of over 1,000 across the nation.
- Each Community Action is different and responsive to local needs.
- Funding is provided through federal, state and local grants as well as local donations.

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COVID-19



- All local centers remained providing services.
- An area survey was conducted to assess needs.
- Food pantry deliveries and increased rent and utility help were implemented.
- Head Start classrooms closed in March and went virtual.
- Head Start safely re-opened for a summer program to prepare 4 year olds for kindergarten in June and July.
- Head Start in-person and virtual classrooms re-opened in September.
- Services were adjusted to phone, drop off, pick up, no contact, and virtual visits.
- WIC received waivers and virtual permissions to provide needed nutrition and advice.
- Weatherization paused work on homes and resumed with safety precautions in July.
- All employees were paid throughout the pandemic.

Executive Director: **Sheri Wilson**

Board President: **Barbara Welander**

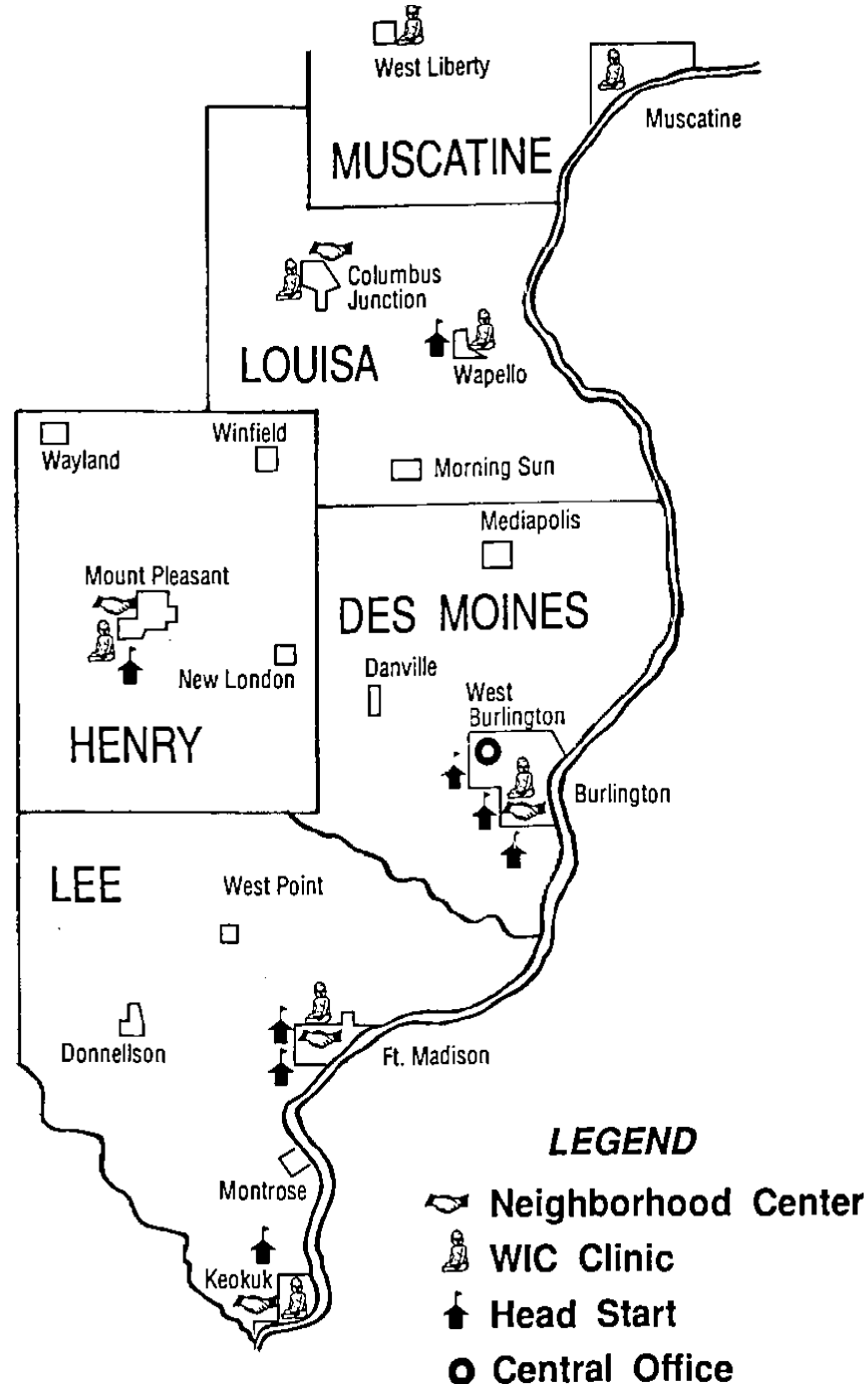


- We are run by a tripartite board of 12-15 local Representatives.
- They represent the Low-income, Elected Officials, and Community Representatives
- 8 Directors Serve on Management Staff

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Locations

- We have several locations throughout southeast Iowa.
- 5 Local Centers
- 2 Head Start specific locations
- WIC Offices are in
 - 4 Churches
 - 2 Office buildings
- Home Visitors travel throughout the area



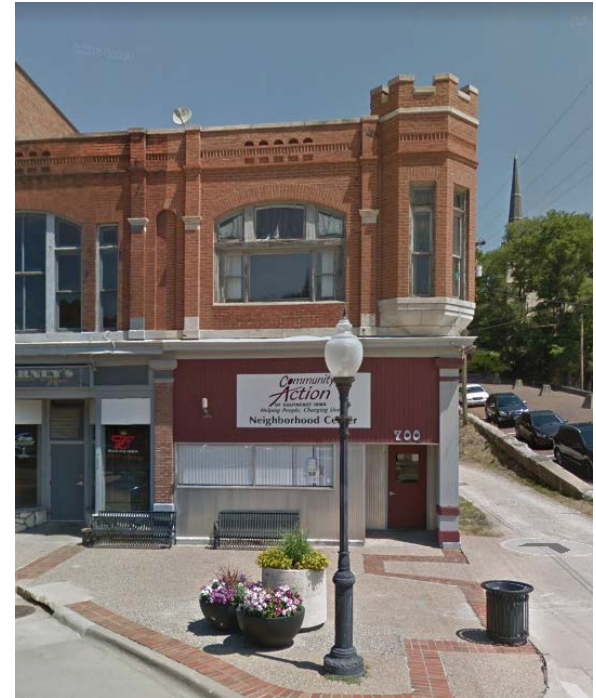
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Central Office



Head Start
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Neighborhood
Center



WIC

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Richardson Head Start

Marie Tallarico Keokuk



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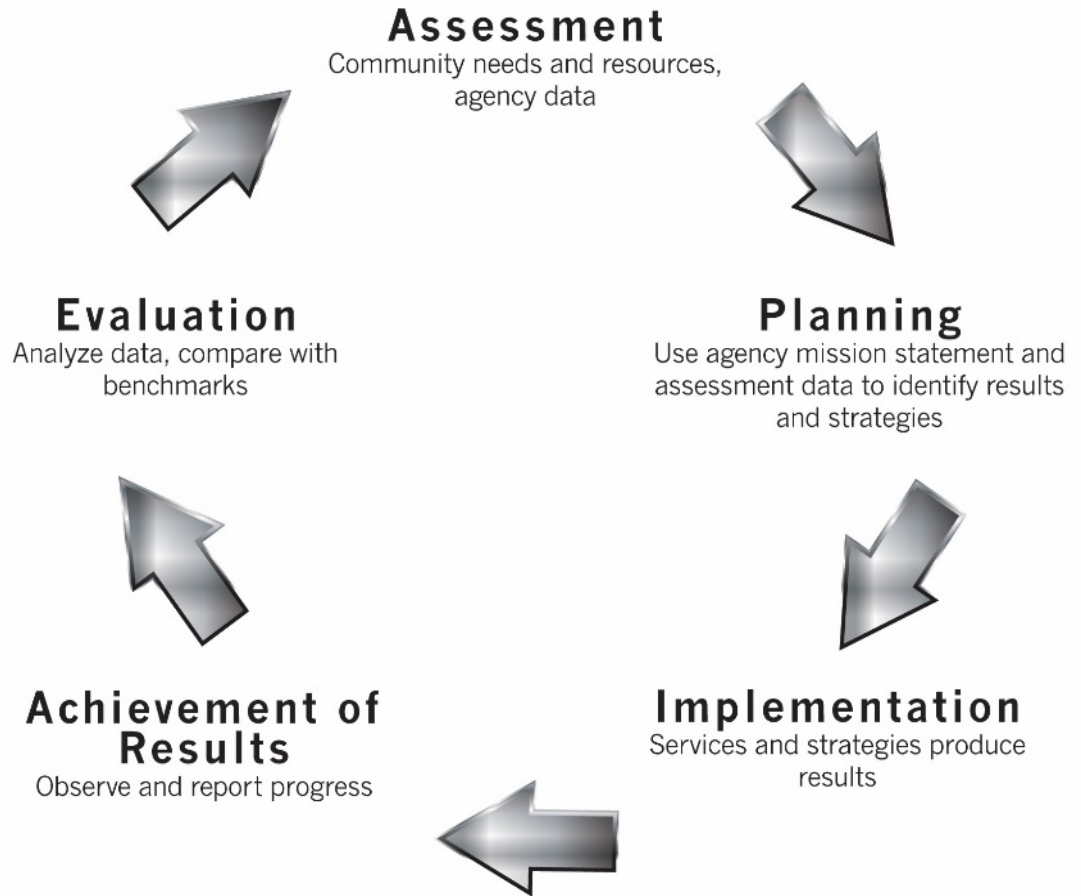


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Mt Pleasant**

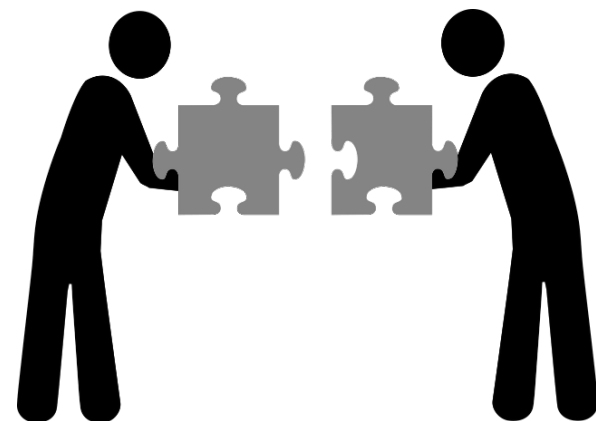
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All
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follow
ROMA

The Results Oriented Management and Accountability Cycle



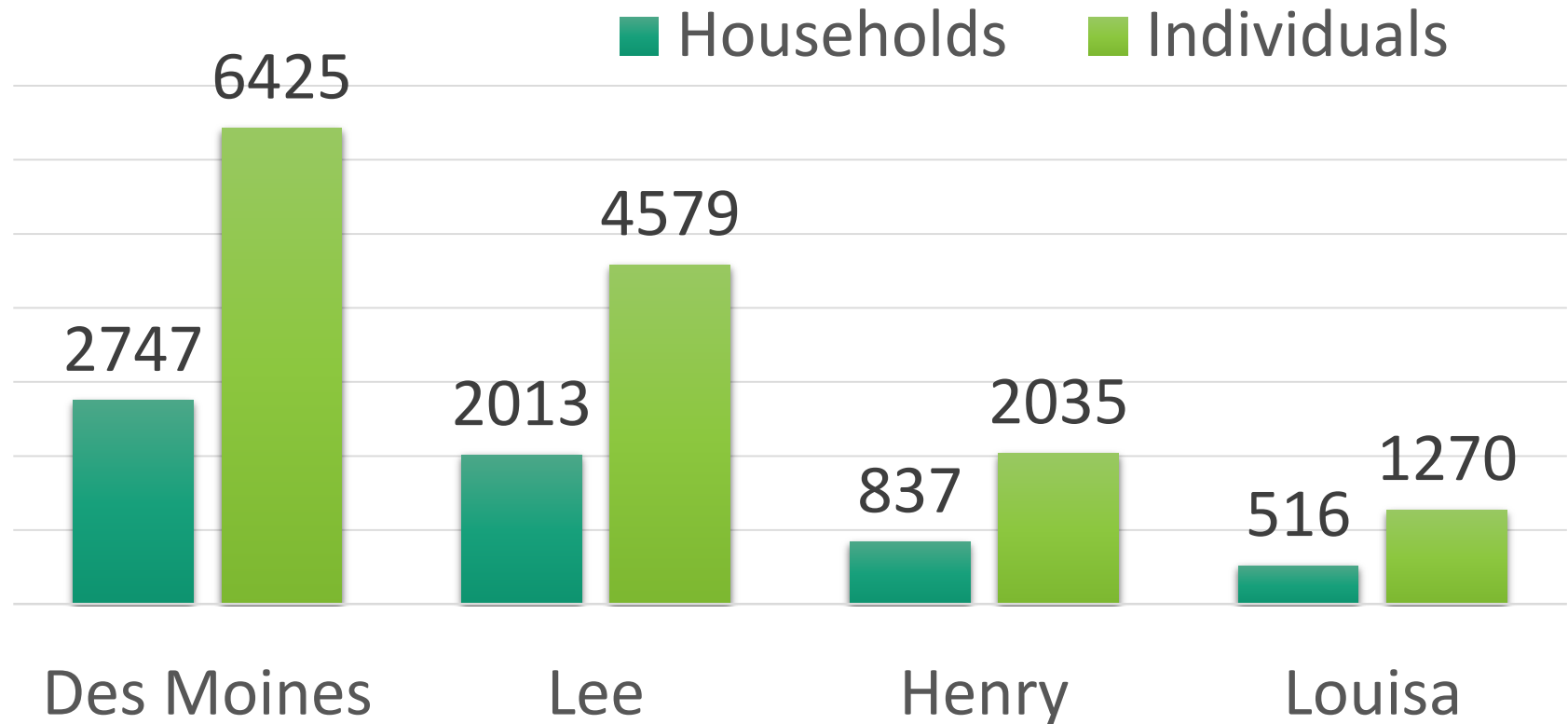
Fiscal Year 2020 in Review



- Total area population: 105,290
- We served **14,336** individuals in **6,152** households
- That's **13.62%** of the population of southeast Iowa.
- We serve anyone of low-income

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Clients by County Served FY20



Poverty In Southeast Iowa

- 33.14% of the population is at 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) or below
 - That's **\$25,520** for one person and \$52,400 for a family of four.
- 12.20% are at 100% FPL
- Children are in poverty at a rate of 22.4% at 100% FPL
- 51.5% of children are eligible for free or reduced lunch
 - 185% FPL

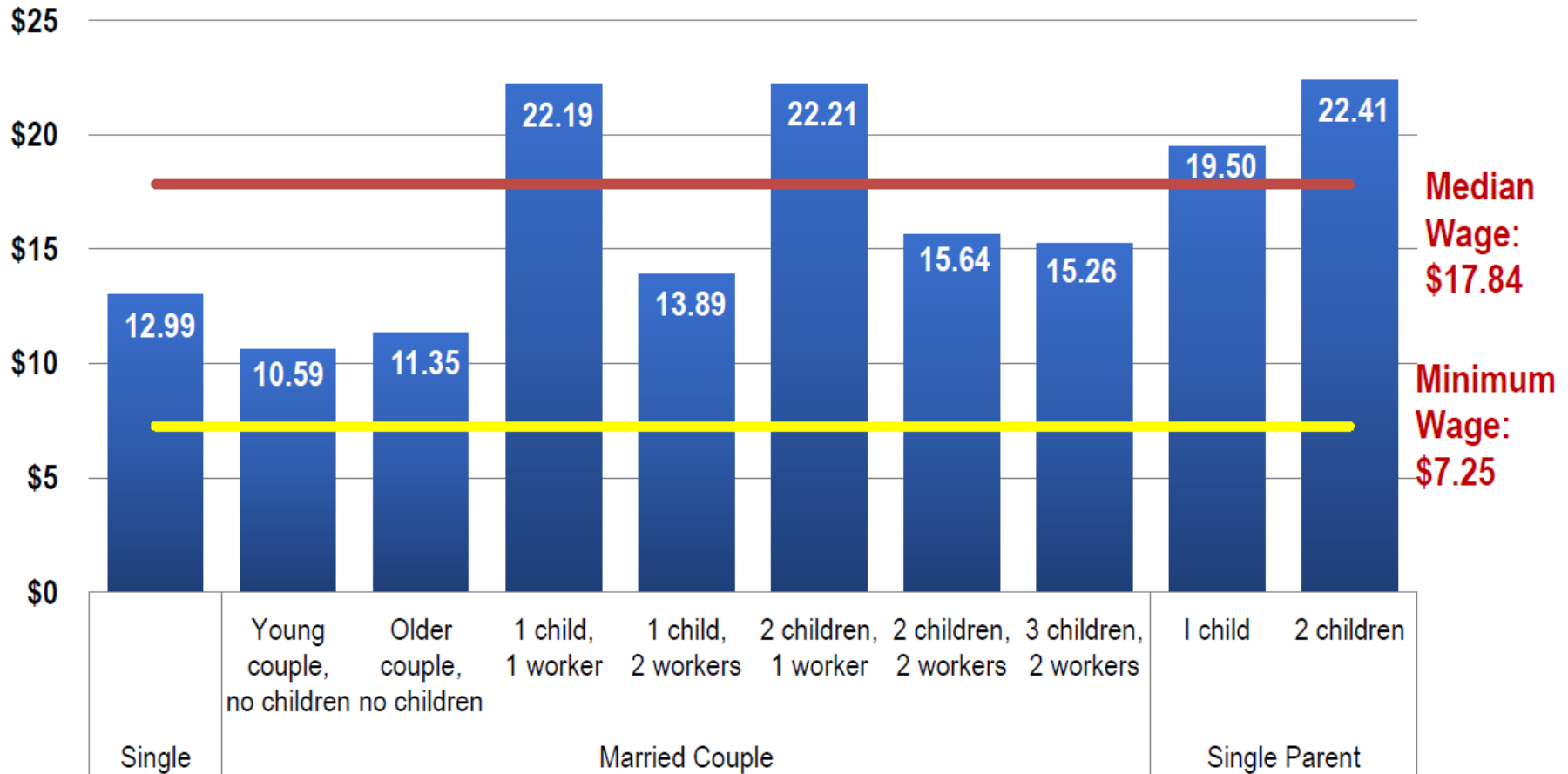
2020 Annual Federal Poverty Guidelines

all states (except Alaska and Hawaii)

Household /Family Size	*100%*	125%	175%	185%	200%
	Head Start	Centers	Energy Assistance	WIC	Weatherization, COVID-19 programs
1	\$12,760	15,950	22,330	23,606	25,520
2	\$17,240	21,550	30,170	31,894	34,480
3	\$21,720	27,150	38,010	40,182	43,440
4	\$26,200	32,750	45,850	48,470	52,400
5	\$30,680	38,350	53,690	56,758	61,360
6	\$35,160	43,950	61,530	65,046	70,320
7	\$39,640	49,550	69,370	73,334	79,280
8	\$44,120	55,150	77,210	81,622	88,240

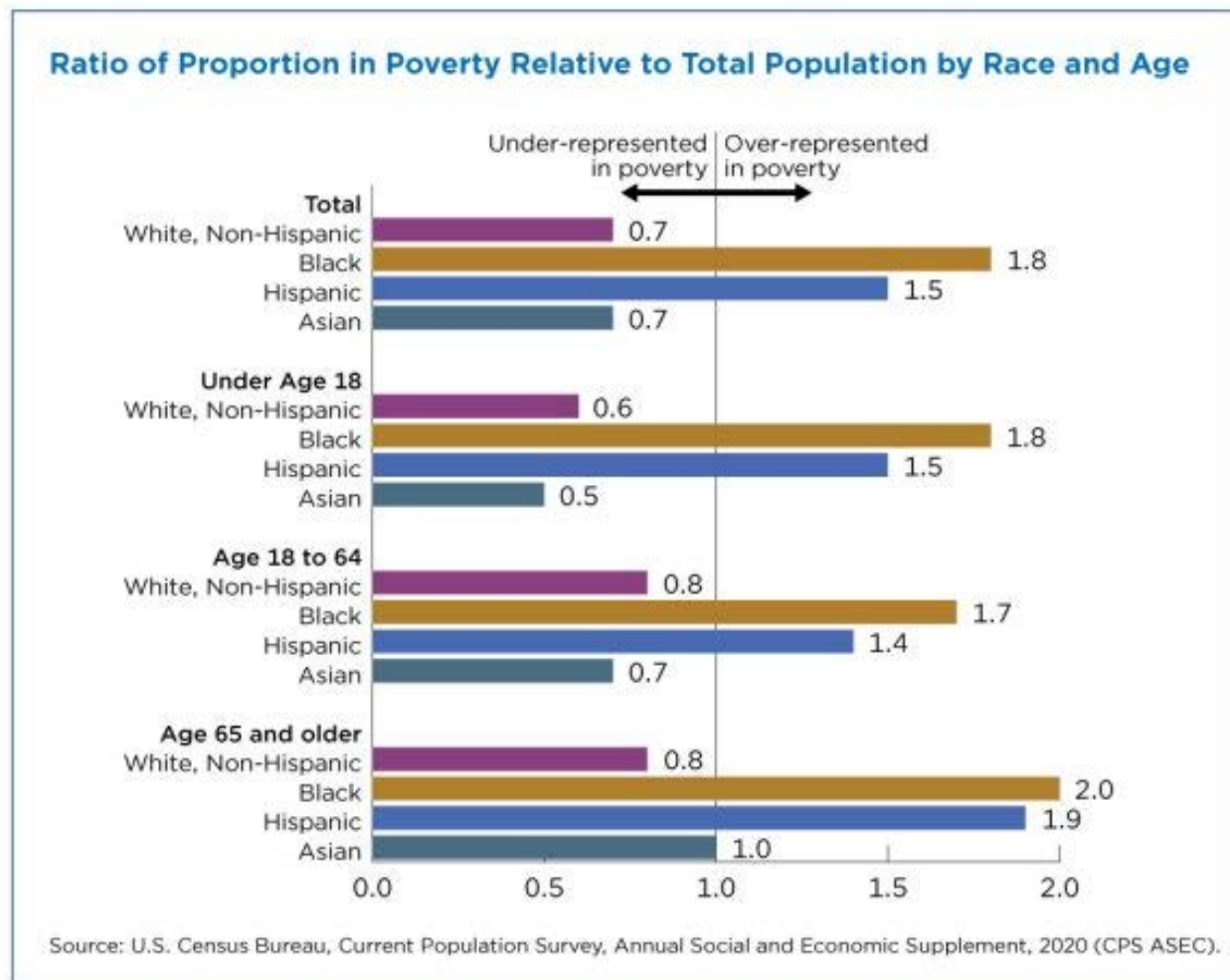
Source: Federal Register January 1, 2020

Wage needed to meet basic needs is well above the minimum wage



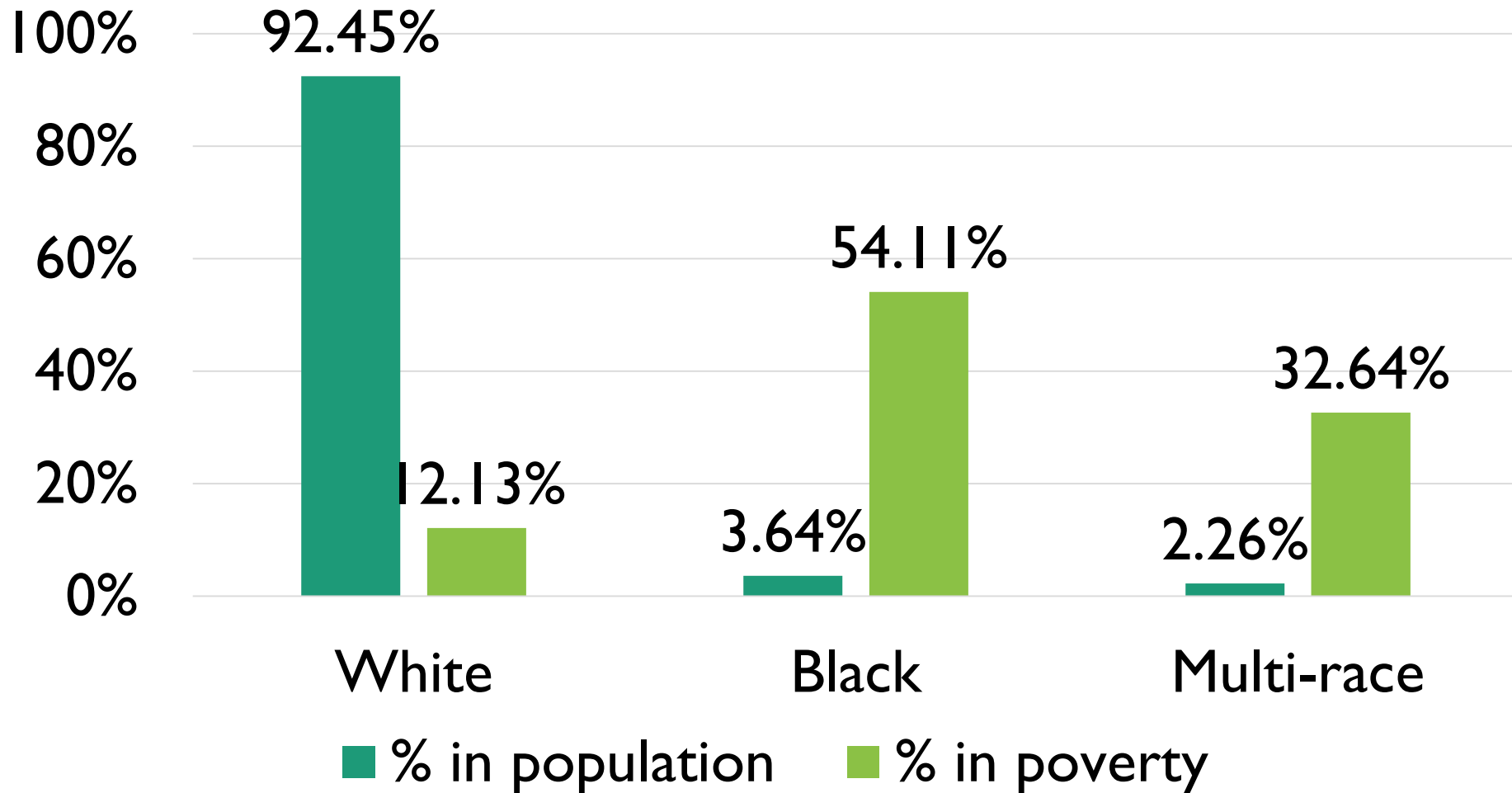
- Iowa Policy Council 2019

Minorities are disproportionately in poverty nationally



<https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2020/09/poverty-rates-for-blacks-and-hispanics-reached-historic-lows-in-2019.html>

Race and Poverty in Southeast Iowa



7.55% of the total population are minorities

20.33% of those in poverty (100% FPL) are minorities

-American Community Survey 2014-2018

21.92% of our clients were minorities in FY2020

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Racial Demographics of Clients Served FY 2020

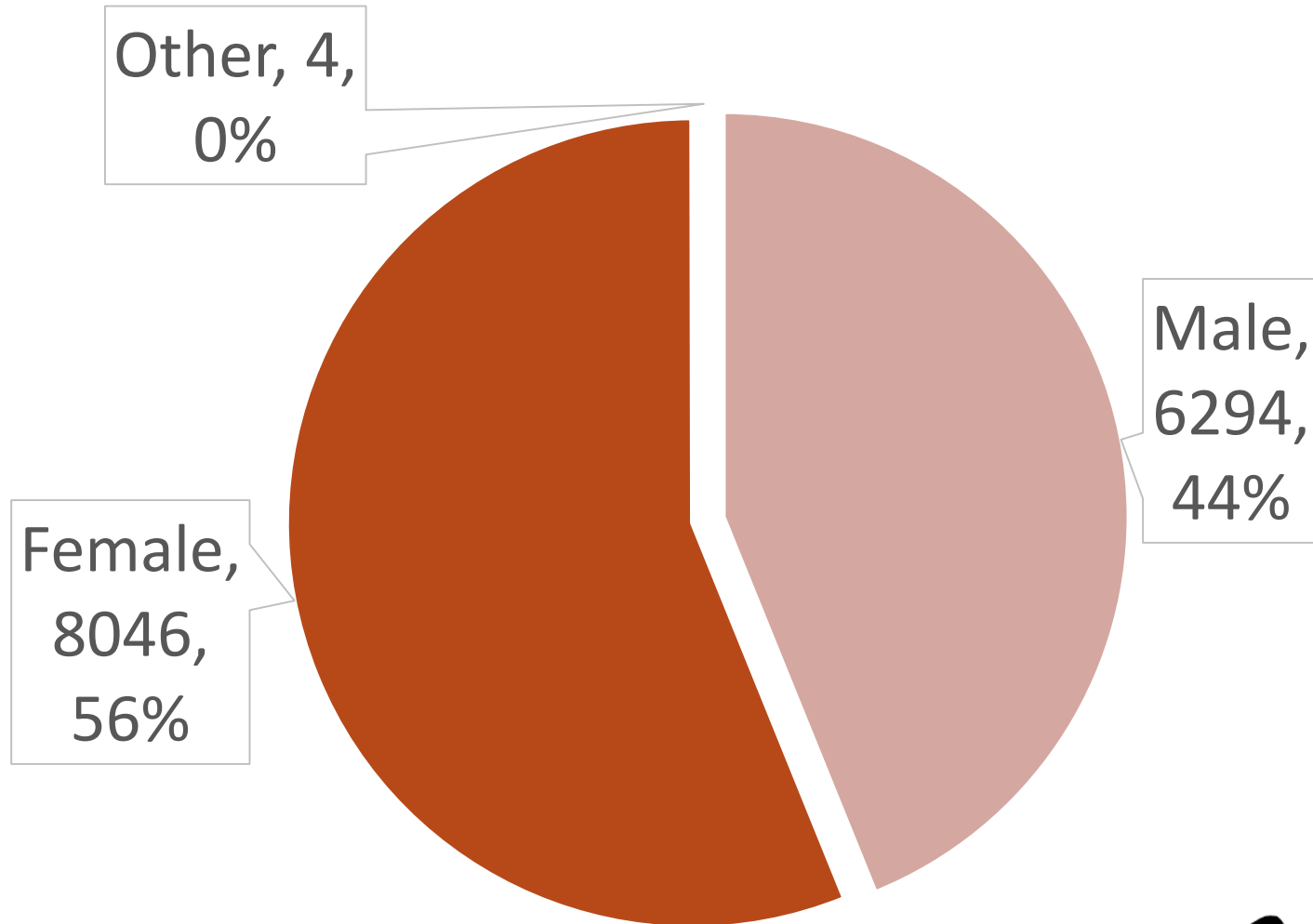
II. Race	Number of Individuals
a. American Indian or Alaska Native	33
b. Asian	132
c. Black or African American	1846
d. Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	10
e. White	11198
f. Other	86
g. Multi-race (two or more of the above)	1039
h. Unknown/not reported	0
TOTAL (auto calculated)	14344

Some demographic data of those we serve:

-FY 2020 NIFCAP

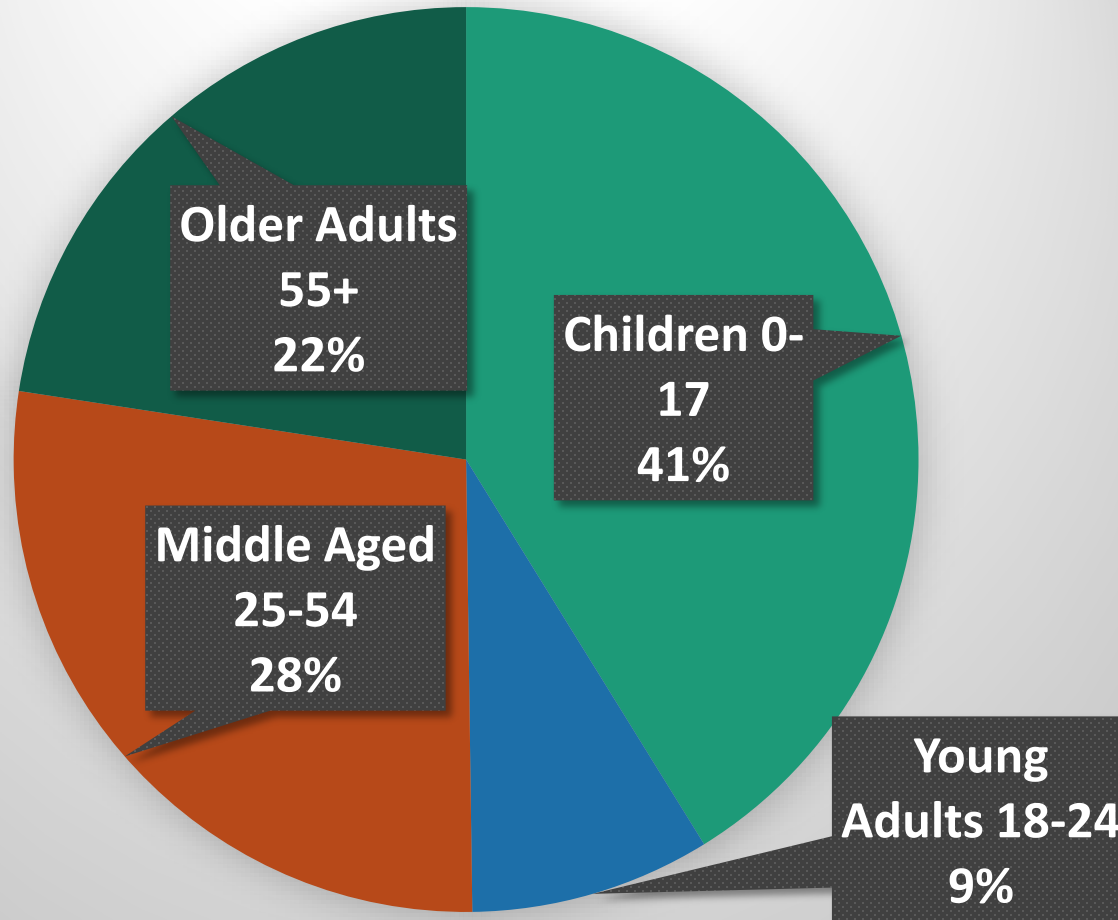


Gender



-FY 2020 NIFCAP

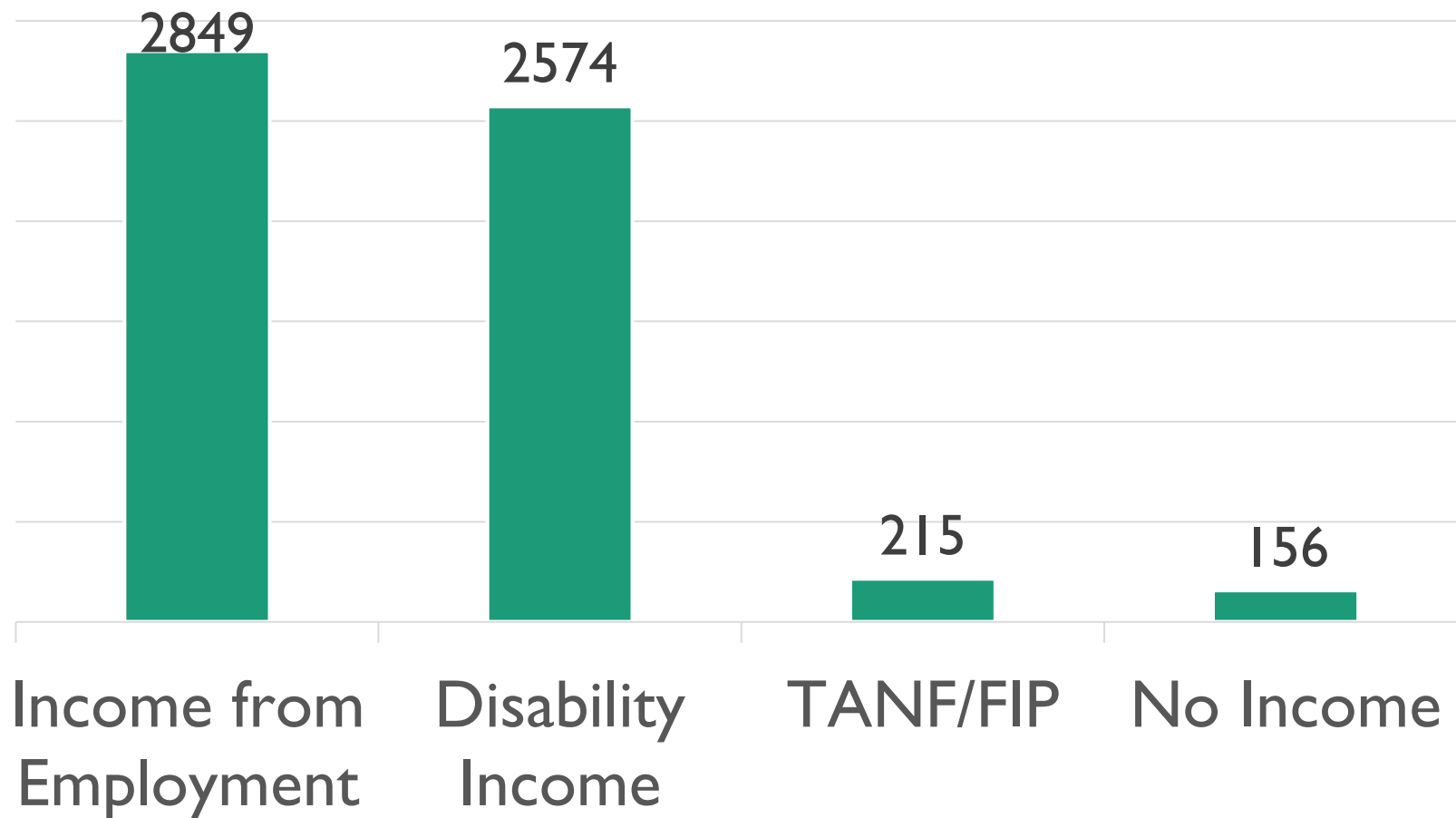
Ages of those served



-FY 2020 NIFCAP

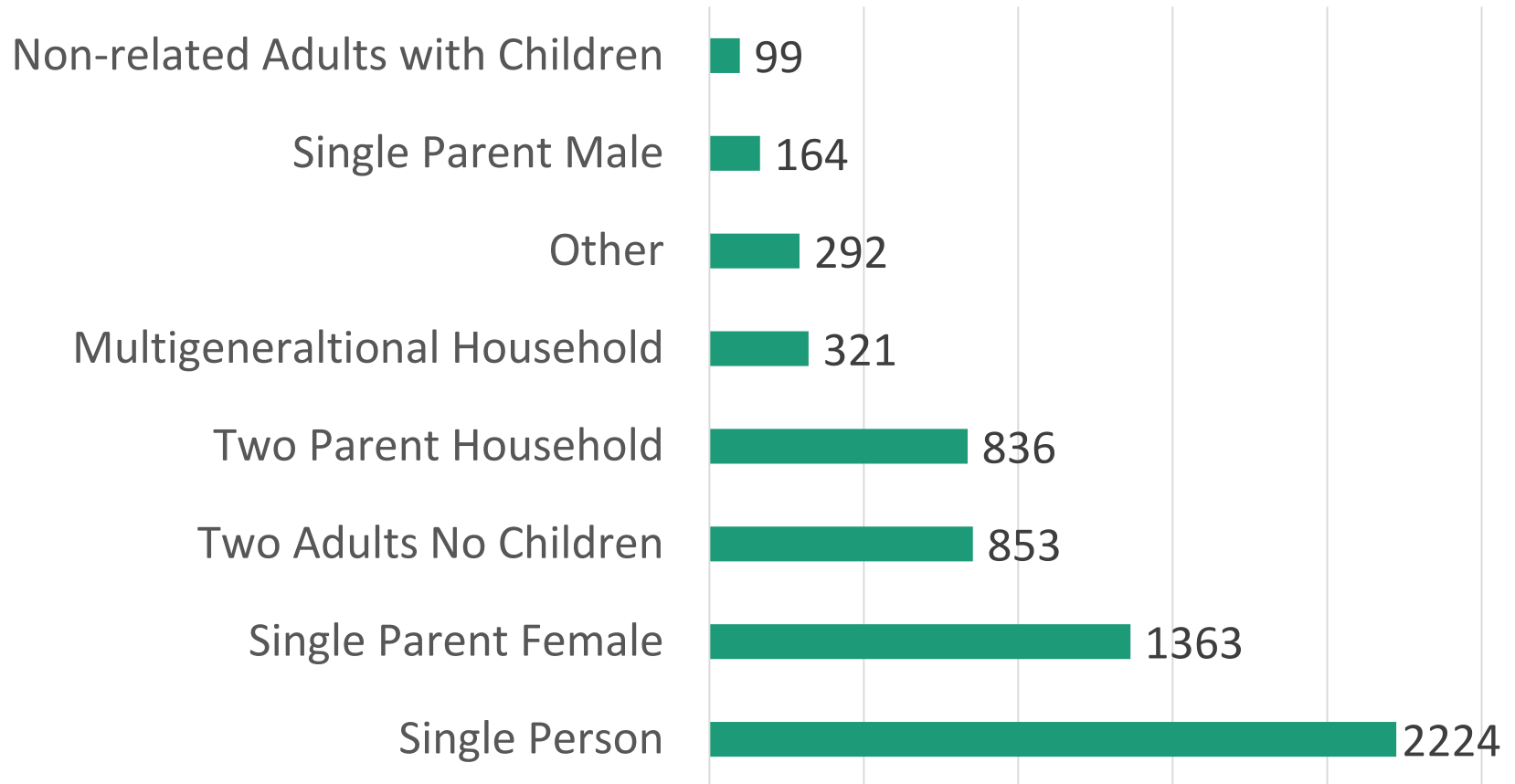
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Sources of Household Income



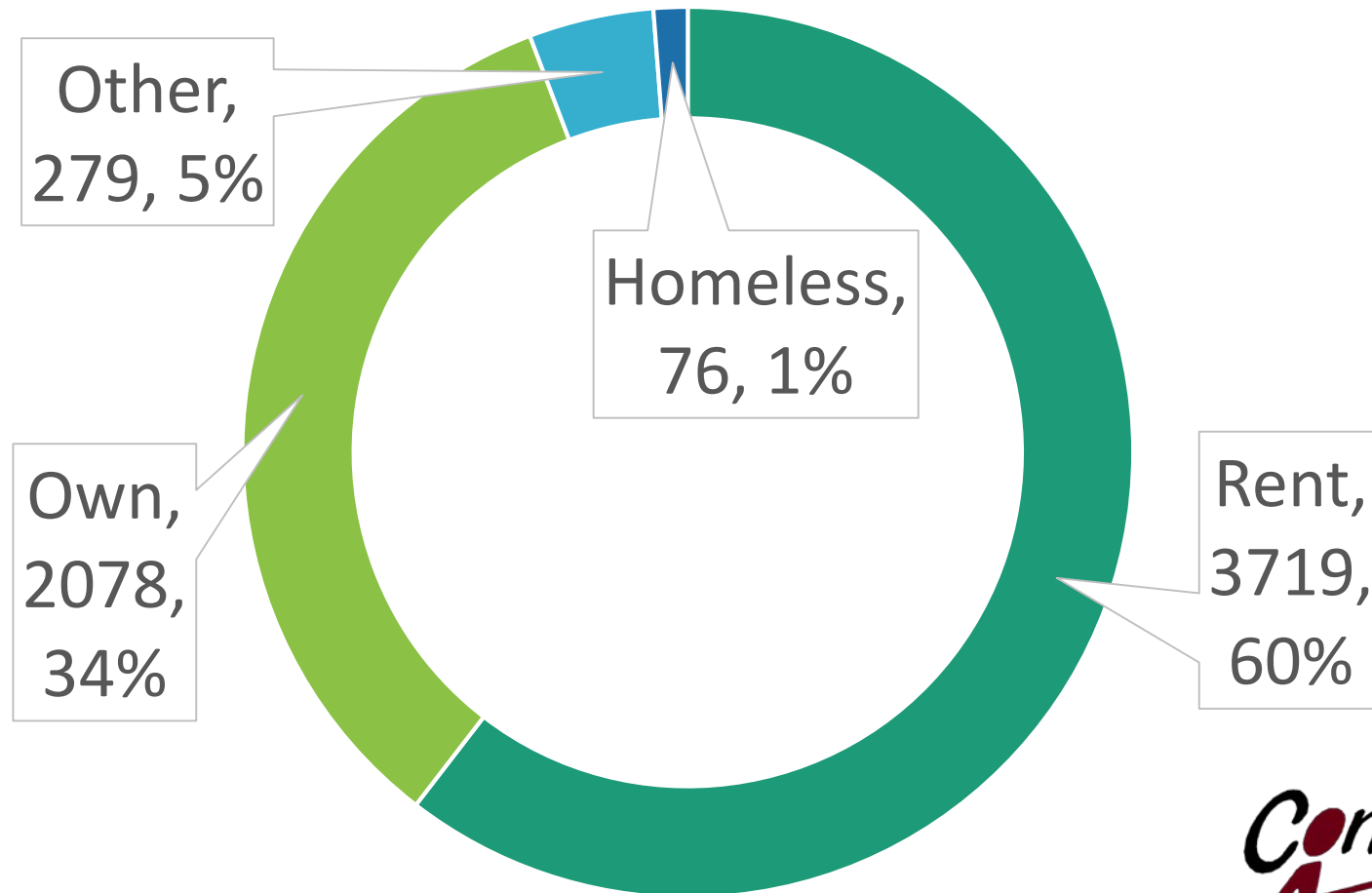
6,152 Total Households
-FY 2020 NIFCAP

Household Type




-FY 2020 NIFCAP

Housing Type of Clients



-FY 2020 NIFCAP

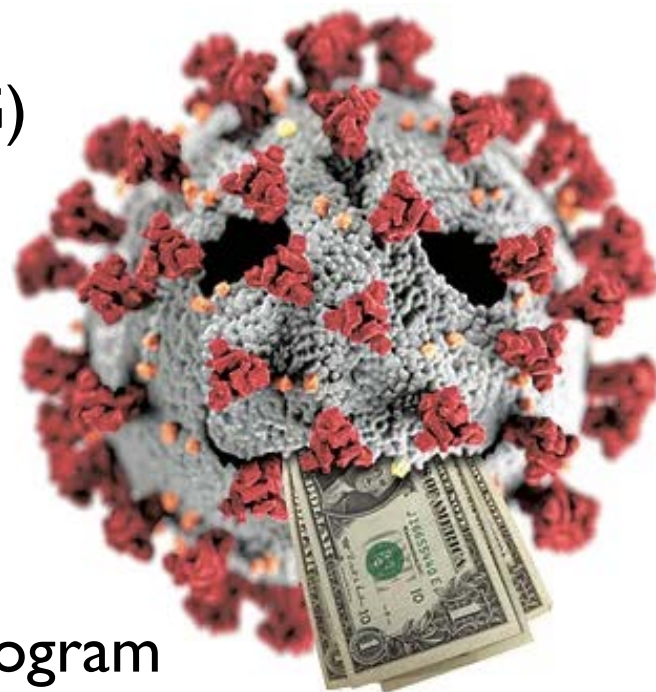
Agency Funding

Federal Funding		\$12,155,616
State Funding		\$891,715
Private Funding		\$621,003
Local Funding		\$11,302
Total Agency Funding FY2020		\$13,679,636

Housing Assistance Programs	LIHEAP, Weatherization, ESG, TBRA, Liberty, Alliant, Project Share, Senior Home Repair, Share the Warmth	\$4,439,693
Head Start Funding		\$3,854,918
WIC Vouchers Given		\$1,882,040
In Kind Donations		\$682,512

CARES/COVID Funding

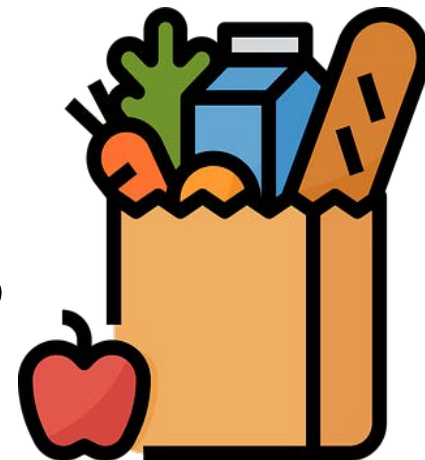
- Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
 - \$427,447
 - Housing emphasis
 - Preparedness
- Head Start
 - \$236,676
 - Summer program and carryover
 - Pandemic safety
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
 - \$234,912
 - Direct support to clients for help with crisis expenses
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
 - \$23,621
 - To help the homeless find homes and prevent homelessness/evictions.



We offer a variety of Programs
and Services to alleviate the
conditions and causes of
poverty.

Following are a listing of our
programs, outputs, and
outcomes for Fiscal Year 2020.





Food Pantries

Located at each center

4,451

Food Boxes given

Burlington, Mt Pleasant, Columbus Junction,

Keokuk, Fort Madison

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Utility Assistance

- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
 - 10,732 individuals given financial assistance
- Emergency Local Utilities
 - 182 Individuals
- Crisis Assistance
 - 671 Households prevented from disconnects
- Furnace Repair and Replace
 - 49 Homes



Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

4,513 Individuals Served

NUTRITION,
SUPPORT,
AND THE
POWER
OF MOMS.

WIC supports 53% of all infants born in the U.S. Someone you know may be eligible.



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Child and Adult Food Care Program (CACFP)

397,488 Meal Reimbursements
to 68 Home Providers
and 8 Day Care Centers



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Family Development and Self Sufficiency

122 Households Received Support

The FaDSS program is **FREE** and **voluntary**. Families participating in the Family Investment Program (FIP) are eligible for the FaDSS program. We Focus on Family Success. A FaDSS home visitor will work with your family in the comfort of your home.



17 Households Received Support

Parents as Teachers

builds strong communities, thriving families, and children who are healthy, safe and ready to learn by matching parents and caregivers with trained professionals who make regular personal visits.



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Medication Assistance Program

**28 Households
were provided
medication
assistance**



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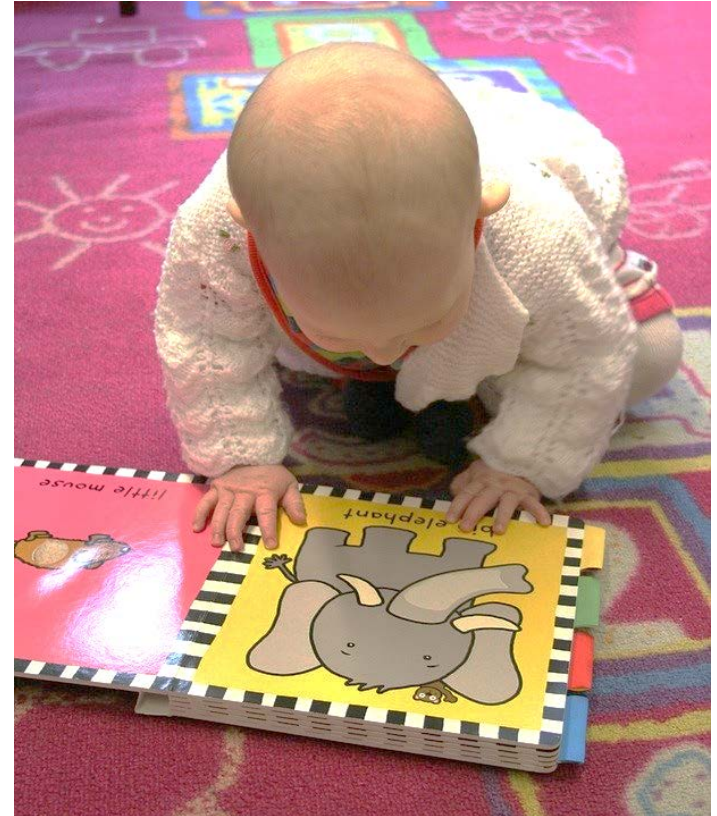
Children and families are educated,
challenged and empowered to embrace
their potential for success in life.
One child, one family at a time.

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Early Head Start:

83 Children

- Prenatal – 3 Years Old
- Child care and child development program
- For guardians who are in school, job training or working
- Free for qualifying families



Head Start: 30 | Children

- 3-5 Year olds
- Preschool and child development program
- Nationally certified
- Free for qualifying families



Preschool Scholarships 71 Children



For those up to 200% poverty level at
private preschools

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In Crisis Situations



2,089	People helped with referrals
337	Individuals provided clothing assistance
115	Individuals provided employment counseling
82	Individuals given food cards
31	Individuals helped through a disaster with case management

Housing Programs

Over \$4,439,693



- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Emergency Rent Assistance
- COVID Rent Assistance
- Iowa Finance Authority
- Low Income Home
- Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Weatherization
- Liberty
- Alliant
- Project Share
- Senior Home Repair
- Share the Warmth

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Housing



- Local Emergency Rental Assistance
 - **141** Households assisted with rent payments
 - All local funding
- Emergency Solution Grant (ESG)
 - Homeless & preventing evictions
 - **73** Households completed pre-screenings
 - **12** Households were provided rent assistance
- Tennant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
 - **3** HHs
 - Currently not accepting applications



IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY

County	# of Renters	Total Rent Assistance
		as of 12/8/2020
Des Moines	494	\$1,169,451
Lee	110	\$254,970
Henry	40	\$81,838
Louisa	20	\$41,828
Total:	512	\$1,548,087

We checked and approved rental applications for the COVID-19 Iowa Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Program in our counties in partnership with the Iowa Finance Authority.

<https://www.iowafinance.com/efp-reporting/>

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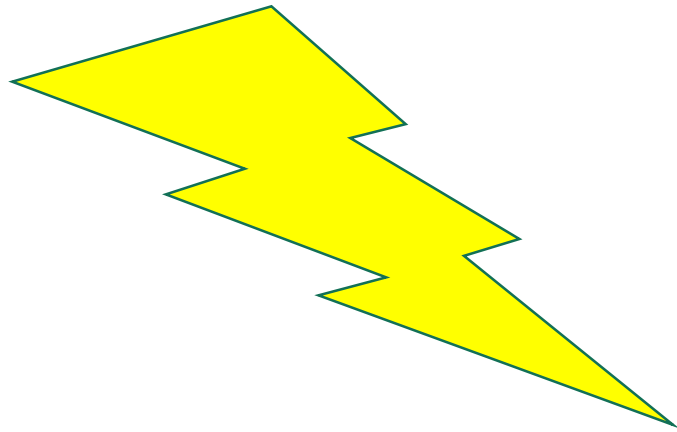
Rent Reimbursement Form Assistance

121 Households



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46 Homes Weatherized



\$328



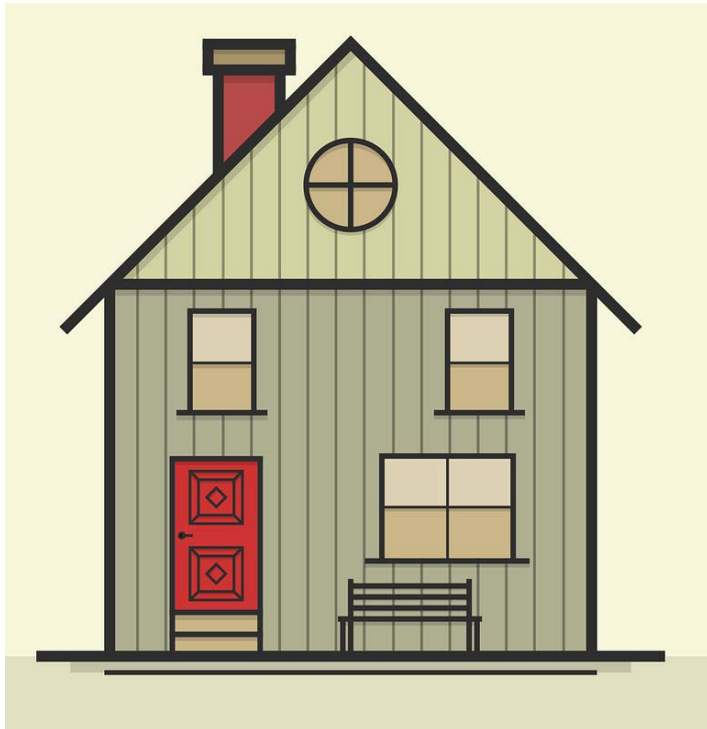
Is the average yearly savings in energy costs with our Weatherization Program in Southeast Iowa.

– Program year 2018

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Senior Home Repair (Aged 60+)

110 Individuals in 67 Homes Assisted



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Contributions processed by:



- In fiscal year 2019
 - 51 households applied
 - 26 households assisted
 - Various unmet needs
 - Max \$500/household
 - Over the Holiday Season
- Categories of assistance
 - Beds
 - Appliances
 - Medical expenses (including pharmacy or dental)
 - Furniture
 - Home repairs
 - Household items
 - Miscellaneous

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Community Events

- Paint-A-Thon
 - 3 homes completed in July in Fort Madison
 - September 2020 in Burlington was cancelled due to COVID
- Thanksgiving Dinner Partnership
 - 2019 in Burlington
 - 1855 meals served
- Day of the Child
 - April 2020 in Burlington was cancelled due to COVID
- Southeast Iowa Early Childhood Summit
 - April 2020 in Mt Pleasant was cancelled due to COVID



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Volunteer Opportunities

- **159** Volunteers
 - **2,232** hours
- Head Start Classrooms
- Food Pantry
- Special Projects
- Donations
 - Pantry Items
 - Contact local center
 - Finances



243 Partnerships



- We are stronger together.
- Those in poverty have a variety of needs and it takes the community working together to help.
- A variety of resources can be found on our website:
 - <http://caofseia.org/resources/>



Website: caofseia.org



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Home

Apply for Energy Assistance/LIHEAP

You can start an application online here. Or call your local center for a phone appointment. See our webpage on the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for details on what you need to submit, income guidelines, and more information.

Fundraiser

We're selling Roda Cutlery to raise money for our agency public relations committee. Support us by shopping at this link: <https://radafundraising.com/?rfan=45747885f57a5d> before Nov 16, 2020. When ordered before November 16th products should arrive before Christmas if you want to order presents. You may also order at our Central Office through the catalog. Payment is due when ordering. Products include: kitchen utensils...



As BCSD Burlington Community School District plans to go virtual, our Head Start classrooms will continue with in-person services for as long as possible to benefit the children educationally and emotionally. See the letter below or on our website for more details: caofseia.org/services/head-start/. The school district will also be providing curbside pickup for meals in Burlington.



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<h1>Sept 2020</h1>	<p><u>Grant</u> Head Start got the 5 year grant! They also received revamping funds.</p> 	<p><u>Parents as Teachers</u> 9 Families 12 Children Building strong communities, thriving families, and children who are healthy, safe and ready to learn.</p>	<p><u>Preschool Scholarships</u> 21 Children are enrolled in 8 local preschools where we are funding a portion of their enrollment costs.</p> 
<p><u>Rent</u> 26 Households 44 individuals Provided help to maintain housing stability</p> 	<p><u>Growing</u> 59 Early Head Start Students 157 Head Start Students are being educated, challenged and empowered to embrace their potential for success in life.</p>	<p><u>Food Pantry</u> 333 Food Boxes Impacting 685 individuals</p> 	<p><u>Balanced Budget</u> We finished our fiscal year with a balanced budget. Many thanks to our great fiscal staff!</p> 
 <p>Head Start & Early Head Start Community Action of Southeast Iowa</p>	<p>"They have been able to assist me anytime I have asked, and I feel the Head Start programs are EXCELLENT!! This is my third child in Head Start, and I feel it is a great starting point for school."</p> <p>- Response 35 from our 2019 Client Needs Assessment Survey</p>	<p>Community Action OF SOUTHEAST IOWA</p>	



- Help us spread the word
- Share area information
- Information on successes and results
- Highlight partnerships
- Information



Welcome to our Newsletter:

Keep up with happenings, learn about us, the community, and poverty as we partner to help people and change lives in southeast Iowa.

Success



The Summer Transition Program, through SCC and Vocational Rehabilitation, aims to bring career exploration and service learning to targeted students with barriers to employment which are in high school and are preparing to transition into the workforce. This group came to our Burlington Neighborhood Center last summer to clean and organize our food pantry there. The teens and staff had a great time together while tremendously helping our center.



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We were happy to be a part of the Fort Madison Paint-A-Thon again this year! Repairs, beautification, and connections make a difference in the lives of homeowners where you and I live!

Thank you to all the partners that make this possible: Kemper's True Value & Rental, Community Action of Southeast Iowa, Iowa Fertilizer Company, Cintas, Scotts, Siemens, FAUCH, Connection Bank & Insurance, Michael Owe Bank, KLM Realty, Lee County Bank, Farmers Savings Bank, ComAgre, and Union Presbyterian Church in Fort Madison.

Read more from the [Daily Democrat](#).



<https://2020census.gov>

Employee Highlight



Matthew LeClerc
Head Staff Director

- Matt has been with the agency for 1.5 years. He brings a plethora of experience to his position having been a prior teacher, principal and superintendent.
- Matt graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Dubuque in December of 1990 and began his teaching career began the following fall in Dubuque, Iowa teaching 5th grade until moving to the Quad

History Highlight



Passage of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 began the "War on Poverty" and led to the formation of Community Action Agencies in Iowa and across the United States. Soon after the federal government adopted its policy of working toward the elimination of poverty, groups of concerned individuals in this area began meeting to decide how best to fight poverty. They established goals and priorities and sought funding from the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO).

Early on, these people recognized that our "rural" counties did not have large enough population bases to form their own Community Action Agencies. Therefore, the counties joined together. Initially, the Lee and Henry County groups joined forces and began their quest to become a private, non-profit corporation to help the low-income and otherwise disadvantaged. Soon they were joined by Des Moines and Washington Counties. Corporate status was granted in November of 1965 and Southeast Iowa Community Action (now Community Action of Southeast Iowa) applied for funding through OEO.

More history can be found:

On [our website](#).

at [Iowa Community Action Association's website](#)

And at the [Iowa Department of Human Rights website](#)

Assistance



The [Iowa Finance Authority](#) has funding available for utilities, rent and mortgage. If someone has a documented loss of income on or after March 17, 2020, is low to moderate income (<80% Medium Family Income), and is having trouble with their utilities, rent or mortgage they should take a look at the FAQ sheet and consider applying.

For the [NEW](#) utility program see [Iowa Residential Utility Disruption Prevention Program](#).

For rent and mortgage assistance see the [Foreclosure and Eviction Assistance Page](#).

Email Newsletter

- [Sign up](#) on our website
- Short monthly updates
- Successes, highlights, resources, learning, and more.

To our employees, board, supporters,
communities, federal, state, and local funders,
individuals, businesses, faith groups, and all our
partners. You make helping **PEOPLE** and
changing **LIVES** a reality.



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