

More Children Eligible



We are excited to share the Office of Head Start has recently announced that families who qualify for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), will now be eligible for Head Start and Early Head Start. SNAP is a food assistance program to help a family's food budget so they can purchase healthy food. Previously, only families eligible for public assistance, such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) were eligible.

"We are thrilled to get this news from the federal office," said Rachael Ostermyer, Early Childhood Director. "This policy change will allow our local Head Start program to reach additional families in our community, many of whom are already eligible."

To learn more about eligibility requirements for SNAP and to apply, please [click here](#).

For families who already are receiving SNAP benefits and want to apply for our Head Start or Early Head Start programs, please [click here](#).>>

Enrollment is Underway





As the school year begins to come to a close, we are already looking ahead to the 2022-2023 school year. We are now taking applications for both our classroom-based centers as well as our home visitation program. We have nine centers in various parts of Sioux City, serving more than 500 children every year.

In addition to promoting school readiness, our comprehensive programs also provide medical, dental, hearing, vision and behavior screenings for children.

Our Early Head Start program serves pregnant women and children six-weeks to age three. Our Head Start program is for children age three to Kindergarten ready.

These programs are available to Woodbury County families at no-cost. All families must meet income eligibility. To learn more and to apply, you can [click here](#) or simply give us a call at [712-274-1610](tel:712-274-1610) x241. >>

Community Action Agency Month

May is Community Action Agency Month! Did you know? Community Action Agencies were first started in 1964 by President Lyndon B. Johnson. Some of the initial goals were to improve education by educating all citizens, improve the appearance of rural and urban America and enrich the lives of the poor. These goals still stand today and we have made so many strides in these areas thanks to programs offered by Community Action Agencies. Here in Woodbury County, Community Action Agency of Siouxland was founded in 1971, with programs starting in 1972. For 50 years, we have helped tens of thousands of individuals and families each year through programs such as Head Start, Early Head Start and Family Development Self-Sufficiency. It is through these programs that we help educate children, while providing resources for families to grow in their own education and become more self-sufficient. We also have other programs, such as the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Crisis Services (food, rent, and utilities), Child and Adult Care Food Program, George J. Williams Memorial Food Bank, Welcome Home, Woodbury County General Assistance, Weatherization and many others. >>

How We Are Helping Others...

Here is how many people we have helped since October 1, 2021.



Individuals helped with food, clothing and



Number of children enrolled in Head Start/Early Head

personal/household
items:

2,148

Individuals served
during FY2021:

12,377

Start:

597

To ensure everyone's safety, we ask that you stay home if you are feeling ill or have tested positive for COVID-19. You can call our agency at 712-274-1610 and we can deliver the items you need to your home.



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