



We hope that this month will bring luck and good weather, even if that means rain instead of snow! Fingers crossed for multiple rainbows this month.

State Water Assistance Funding Expended

The Low-Income Home Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) was a pilot program launched during 2021 to help lessen the financial burden on low income households during the COVID-19 pandemic. In the past two years, we have demonstrated that there is a great need in our community for a water assistance program as we have now expended all of this program's available funding.



Since exhausting all of our LIHWAP funds, we have reverted back to our "Pre-COVID" program, which is very limited by comparison. We are only able to utilize Woodbury County General Relief funds to assist eligible households when their accounts are current. We are not sure at this time if we will be receiving any additional LIHWAP funding in the future.

Open Enrollment for 2023-24 School Year

Calling all families with children under the age of 5!

Enrollment is now underway for the 2023-2024 school year! We would love to talk with you about all the free programs we have available for eligible families. Click the button below to start your application online! For more information please visit our website www.caasiouxland.org or give us a call at 712-274-1610.

In Head Start programs...

- We build on children's strengths.
- We individualize experiences to meet the needs of each child.
- We collaborate with parents and community agencies when further assessment is needed.



Apply Now!



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LIHEAP Open Until April 30th

We have seen a drastic increase in applications for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) since opening October 1st. We believe that this increase could be the result of many things: inflation of fuel costs, state COVID-19 programs closing earlier this year, the national labor shortage, etc.

This program helps qualifying Woodbury County residents pay a portion of their primary heating costs. Assistance is based on several factors, including total household income, household size, dwelling type, heating fuel type, among others.

For more information about LIHEAP or to apply online, please go to www.caasiouxiand.org. We also offer in-person or over-the-phone appointments of which you can set up by calling 712-274-1610.

LIHEAP Online Application

Over 3,000 Applications Taken This Energy Season!



Federal Poverty Guidelines

# in Household	Gross Annual Income
1	\$27,180
2	\$36,620
3	\$46,060
4	\$55,500
5	\$64,940
6	\$74,380
7	\$83,820
8	\$93,260
+	\$9,440

+For households with more than eight members, add the amount shown for each additional member+



Board Member Spotlight

Name: Sally Hartley

Position: Early Childhood Representative

Board Member Since: May 20, 2008

What makes you have pride in the agency?

- I think the biggest thing is all of the good work, the good programs that the agency offers. I worked with AEA and subsequently Head Start for many years, and now I see all of the different programs that serves the agency's vision. And of course, I am very proud of the people!

What have you learned since joining the board that surprised you?

- Well, I have been on the board for over twelve years now so it is a little hard to think back that far, but I think that I was most surprised by the amount of programs available that I had no idea existed. I knew there were a lot of programs, but never knew the extent to which some things are happening. It is astonishing to me that so

many of the agency's staff members also donate their own time and money to help the people we serve even more.

When you're not working, how do you enjoy spending your time?

- I am a master gardener so I love to be outside in my garden. I like to spend time with my grand-kids and family. A few other things I like to spend time doing are watching old Westerns, attending Iowa State sporting events, and getting lunch or coffee with my friends.

Where are you originally from?

- I am originally from Rock Rapids, IA. After college I had gotten a job teaching in Salix, IA and I have stayed ever since!

What is a fun fact about yourself that would surprise people?

- I love riding horses. I have never owned any myself but my cousins had horses growing up and I was able to ride them whenever I'd like.
- Unlike today, during my first year out of college, there were a lot of teachers and not very many jobs available. I decided to stay with a friend in Mason City, IA and ended up working in the hospital's ER for a year. I actually really enjoyed it but am glad to have gone back to teaching.

Which cartoon character would you most want to swap lives with?

- I think I would pick the mom from Family Circus! I have always loved being around little kids and it is always fun to hear what they have to say. They say so many funny things in that comic.

Important Dates...

- 03/13 - Teacher Work Day (No Class)
- 03/17 - St. Patrick's Day
- 03/24 - Snow Make Up Day/Work Day
- 04/01 - April Fool's Day
- 04/05 - CPR/First Aid Work Day (No Class)
- 04/06 - Teacher Work Day and Home Visitation (No Class)
- 04/07 - No Class (Easter)
- 04/09 - Easter
- 04/10 - Teacher Work Day and Home Visitation (No Class)
- 04/11 - Teacher Work Day and Home Visitation (No Class)
- 04/28 - Snow Make-Up Day or Work Day



Ways to Show Your Support!

Make a Donation!



Volunteer Now!

Career Opportunities

Weatherization Energy Auditor



Executive Secretary

Licensed Teacher Head Start

Family Advocate - Bilingual

Pre-K Teacher

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More Information

To ensure everyone's safety, we ask that you stay home if you are feeling ill or have tested positive for COVID-19. Call us at 712-274-1610 to apply for assistance over the phone.

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