



## Back to School for Head Start!



Our teachers have been working hard this past month to get our Head Start classrooms ready for kids to return to school! Enrollment has been underway and classrooms are filling up! We do still have some spots open at a few locations and have room on the classroom wait lists. If you or someone you know has a child between prenatal and age five, please call Michelle at 712-274-1610 ext. 241 or visit our website to learn more. If you would like to submit an application, please click the button below!

[Apply Here!](#)

## New Classroom!

We are super excited to announce that we have added a new classroom location to our Head Start roster! We now have a Head Start classroom for four year olds. Demand for a classroom in this area has been high for many years. We are grateful to have a classroom to finally fill this need!



# Iowa Program Closed August 30th.



The Iowa Rent and Utility Assistance Program (IRUAP) was created with COVID-19 funds to help low-income Iowans pay their rent and utility bills. The Iowa Finance Authority dispersed this funding throughout the pandemic helping families with up to 12 months of assistance. The Iowa Finance Authority announced that they will stop taking applications for this program August 30th, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY FUNDING ANNOUNCED TO REPLACE THIS PROGRAM.

This will leave a lot of Iowans in a difficult place. No organization in the area has access to the level of funding that this program did. However, if you are in crisis and need help, please call 712-274-1610 and schedule an appointment with one of our outreach workers. We are working hard to help each and every client coming to us for help. We are proud of the role we have played in obtaining rent and utility assistance for the families in our community. We look forward to November 1st, when our Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program opens and we are able to do even more for those in need.



## Board Member Spotlight

**Name:** Trisha Etringer

**Position:** Vice Chair

**Board Member Since:** September 17, 2020

### What makes you have pride in the agency?

- The agency gives me pride because of all the resources and help we are able to provide to individuals and families that need it the most.

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

- The board is like a family. We all support each other and learn together. I joined the board not knowing too much about how a board worked and everyone was super helpful. I have learned a lot!

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

- I really enjoy watching movies. I do videography for fun and really enjoy films. I am



currently really into the shows House of the Dragon and Reservation Dogs.

### Where are you originally from?

- I'm originally from Waterloo, Iowa and enrolled in the Winnebago tribe of Nebraska, but moved back and forth from Waterloo to Sioux City since I was 15.

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

- I was diagnosed at age four with Leukemia and I am a survivor!

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

- I would have to choose Mulan. She is always portrayed as a strong, young woman with something to prove. She is independent and goes after what she wants.

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## Looking Forward...

**09/01** - First Day of Classes for Head Start/Early Head Start

**09/05** - Labor Day (Office closed)

**10/04** - Siouxland BIG Give

**10/16** - CROP Walk

**11/04** - Siouxland Sleep Out

**11/11** - Veteran's Day (Office Closed)

**11/24** - Thanksgiving (Office Closed)

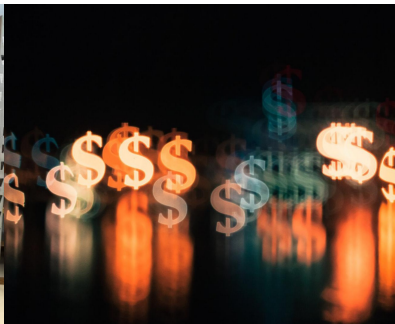
**11/25** - Black Friday (Office Closed)



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## How We Are Helping Others...

People served since October 1st, 2021.



**3,754**

Individuals helped with food, clothing, blankets, personal items, and/or household goods

**2,910**

Applications approved for utility assistance

**597**

Children currently enrolled in our Early Childhood Programs

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## Ways to Show Your Support!

Support us with

Make a  
Donation!



Volunteer  
Now!

## Career Opportunities

Licensed Teacher Head Start

Teacher Assistant

FaDSS Specialist

Early Head Start Home Visitor

Welcome Home Family Specialist

Pre-K Teacher



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.

### Our Contact Information

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