



Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program (Weatherization):

Weatherization assist families who are homeowners and renters to make upgrades to their heating plans, and implements energy conservation measures to help the household save on winter heating costs. Studies have shown that the typical house, after weatherization, saves 20% per year on heating cost. All houses receive a thorough inspection by the State of Illinois Certified Assessors. The heating system always takes priority, and may involve tuning up the existing system, or replacing the system with high efficiency units when the system is beyond repair. Additionally, many houses will receive insulation and some door and window work.



Housing Development:

Community Action provides housing services in Hoopston, Illinois. Prairie Meadows is a housing development that offers twenty-five (25) units of single family living for families on ten (10) acres of land. The subdivision has a unit mix of two (2) and three (3) bedroom single family dwellings. This development offers quality and affordable housing and home ownership for working families and senior citizens. Safe, energy efficient housing affords families the opportunity to focus on other important components of their living conditions.

The East Central Illinois Community Action Agency was established in 1965 to provide continued services to individuals and families in the Ford, Iroquois, and Vermilion Counties. Our mission and vision are to move families to self-sufficiency through providing relevant information, education, professional development and services. Listed in this brochure is a brief summary of the Agency's services. If you have any questions or desire additional information, please visit us at www.comaction.org or call any of our four (4) locations.

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Head Start Birth to Five Program:



One of the original Community Action services and most successful early childhood education service nationally is our Head Start Birth to Five Program. Currently, 70 children ages birth to three, pregnant women and 414 children ages three to five receive home and center based services. There are 10 Head Start Centers, 18 classrooms and 54 home-based slots. Each child receives comprehensive health services in addition to early childhood school readiness experiences. Head Start families receive assistance in developing and setting goals to help them maximize their self-sufficiency. Male involvement services encourage adult men to be involved in the lives of young children and transition services help children and their families enter into to the public school setting successfully.



Maternal, Infant & Early Childhood Home-Visiting Program (MIECHV):

MIECHV is a home-visiting program that serves families with pregnant women and children from birth to age 3 in their homes. MIECHV services includes pre-natal education, nutrition, health, mental health, child wellness and Early Head Start school readiness services. Early Education is the key to a successful K-12 experience.



Community Services Block Grant (CSBG):

CSBG services are geared to help families overcome poverty and immediate crisis. Specific services offered through CSBG are determined annually and are based on a community needs assessment. Currently, CSBG offers College Scholarships, a one-time Emergency Assistance, College Internships, Summer Academic Programs, Youth Leadership and Empowerment Camps, Senior Nutrition Programs, Financial Coaching and Comprehensive Intake and Linkages within the community. CSBG's specific mandate is to provide a range of services and activities that have measurable results in alleviating the causes and effects of poverty in communities.

TRIO Education Talent Search Program (ETS):

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES The ETS Program serves middle school, high school, veterans of armed forces, and GED students ages 11-27 in Vermilion County. ETS provides Test Preparation, Study Skills, Tutoring, Goals Setting, Self Esteem and Academic Monitoring, Career Exploration, ACT Test Preparation, College Admission, College Application Completion, Financial Aid Assistance, & Scholarship attainment assistance. ETS increases educational opportunities which positively impact careers and lives.

Gateway to Homeownership:

The Gateway to Homeownership Initiative offers a series of comprehensive workshops geared toward preparing individuals and families who are interested in the home-buying process. Group sessions, as well as one-on-one counseling sessions, are conducted by certified homeownership educators. Topics include, but are not limited to: Assessing Homeownership Readiness, Budgeting and Credit, Financing a Home, and Post-Purchasing Education.



The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP):

LIHEAP provides a one-time payment to the energy providers of families with low incomes to help defray a portion of their winter heating costs. Payments are based on types of fuel utilized, income levels, and geographic region. These funds also allow families who are disconnected to receive additional assistance to restore heat and to repair or replace inoperable or dangerous furnaces. LIHEAP and PIPP essentially helps families meet critical basic needs.