

HEAD START

Head Start promotes the school readiness of preschool-aged children from low-income families. Services are provided through two options: center-based and home-based in three counties: Rock Island, Henry, and Mercer. Head Start is provided at no cost to income eligible families with children 3-5 years old including children with disabilities or other special needs.



Head Start offers a variety of services that support the children's growth in positive learning environments: early learning and development, health, and family well-being. Our program engages parents and family members in positive relationships, focusing on the needs of the family. Parents participate in leadership roles through the Policy Council and parent meetings, including having a say in program operations.

Physical and dental examinations are needed to participate. Other screenings provided include hearing, vision, and developmental, as well as social/emotional observations. Head Start staff assist families in securing medical and dental treatments, work with families to develop educational goals for their children, and to develop family goals. Head Start partners with local agencies and community partners for other resources as needed.

For information on Head Start or to apply, call:

Rock Island County (309) 792-4555
Henry County (309) 852-4346
Mercer County (309) 792-4555



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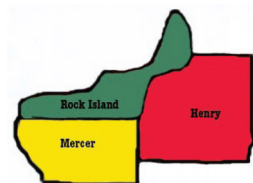


*We Strengthen Communities
by Helping People Help
Themselves And One Another*



www.projectnow.org

**Serving Henry, Mercer, and
Rock Island Counties**



HELPING PEOPLE. CHANGING LIVES!

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Project NOW provides help to people struggling to meet very basic needs, including:

Rent & Security Deposit

This funding is used to keep people housed and prevent homelessness, as well as to secure housing.

Emergency Assistance

Emergency needs such as dental bills, car repairs and water bills are examples of costs that we may be able to help customers pay.

Food & Nutrition Programs

Project NOW assists customers who need food or better nutrition through our Food Pantry and referrals.

Clothing Vouchers

Clothing vouchers for Project NOW's Good Things NOW store in Aledo are provided at no cost to families in need.

Utility Assistance - "LIHEAP"

We offer utility assistance to help heat your home. Income guidelines apply.



Utility Assistance - Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP)

Rather than receiving a one-time lump sum grant, the PIPP customer receives a monthly payment towards their utility bill. PIPP includes help for Ameren Illinois, Commonwealth Edison and Nicor Gas customers.

Scholarships

These scholarships are available to income eligible applicants to help pay for college or trade school costs.

Coordinated Entry

Assists the homeless in securing emergency or permanent housing.

Street Outreach

Partnership with Christian Care to find and assist homeless individuals and families with housing.



Transitional Housing

Provides housing and case management to help people establish goals to address the problems that caused them to become homeless.

Supportive Housing Services

Project NOW connects families and individuals to information and services they need to keep their homes and apartments.

Northwestern Illinois Continuum of Care

Project NOW is the Lead Agency in the Northwestern Illinois Continuum of Care which covers a region of 15 counties in Illinois. Comprised of housing, social service, and employment partners, the Continuum is committed to ending homelessness in our community.

OUTREACH OFFICES

418 19th St. Rock Island (309) 793-6391
1126 W. Mill St., Kewanee (309) 852-4565
605 1/2 SW 3rd St., Aledo (309) 582-2644

HOUSING

Project NOW offers a variety of programs for renters and current homeowners. Programs are subject to geographic and time restrictions.

Housing Rentals

Affordable Housing is an integral part of Project NOW’s mission and we provide 90 units of Affordable Housing in:

- Rock Island and Moline
- New Boston
- Keithsburg
- Viola - Marigold Apartments
- Kewanee - Knox Apartments



Weatherization

This program helps reduce heating and cooling costs by identifying and correcting the energy issues to make the home operate with more energy efficiency. Work may include:

- Sealing cracks
- Insulating attics and walls
- Repairing windows and doors
- Inspection of heating system
- Health/Safety enhancements
- Repair/Replace furnace



Services are free to households that are eligible for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Highest priority is given to households with elderly, children, or disabled occupants.

Renters are eligible for weatherization assistance if the landlord agrees to program terms.

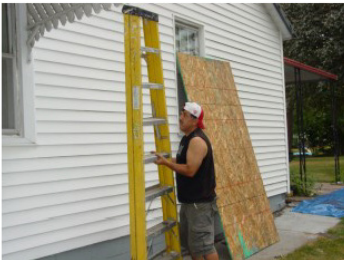


Single Family Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program (SFOOR)

We assist existing homeowners with necessary home repairs to bring their homes up to Housing Quality Standards. Funds are used for repairs to plumbing, electrical systems, roofs, furnaces, kitchens, and bathrooms. The program targets households with incomes below 50% of the area median income. Assistance is in the form of deferred, forgivable loans at 0% interest.

For assistance with **Housing** call:

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| Rock Island | (309) 793-6391 |
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Senior Center • 2221 11th Street • Rock Island
309-788-6335

SENIOR SERVICES



The Rock Island County Senior Center offers services to persons aged 60 and over. As an Aging & Disability Resource Center, services are available to disabled adults as well. Suggested donations are appreciated for Meal and Senior Transportation Services. Customers are not refused service if they cannot or do not donate.

Outreach/Information Assistance

Staff meet with customers at the Senior Center, community sites or in the homes of homebound seniors to help access services including utility assistance, Medicare & Medicaid, Benefit Access/Seniors Ride Free Program, transportation, meals, caregiver support, and emergency needs.

Meal Sites

Meal sites are open 9am - 1pm weekdays at 7 sites in Rock Island & Mercer Counties. A hot lunchtime meal, along with delightful company and activities, makes for an enjoyable afternoon.

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| • Rock Island County Senior Center - Rock Island | Mon. thru Fri. |
| • Colona House - East Moline | Mon. thru Fri. |
| • West Wood Terrace - Moline | Mon. thru Fri. |
| • 1st United Methodist Church - Port Byron | Tues. & Wed. |
| • Edgington Presbyterian Church - Taylor Ridge | Mon.,Thurs. & Fri. |
| • Reynolds American Legion Hall - Reynolds | Wednesday |
| • Mercer County Senior Center - Aledo | Mon. thru Fri. |

Home-Delivered Meals

Homebound seniors receive a lunchtime meal delivered directly to their homes by dedicated volunteers in Rock Island County, Monday thru Friday between 11:00am and 1:30pm. Meals are delivered bi-weekly in rural Rock Island and Mercer Counties. Subject to change based on availability and safety of participants.

Senior Transportation

Door-to-Door Transportation is available within Rock Island & Mercer Counties. This service is provided for medical and therapy appointments, grocery shopping, meal sites, and more.



605 SW 3rd Street • Aledo • (309) 582-3244

Quality Used Clothing and much more!

We accept donations of clothing, linens and small household items at our Good Things NOW Store.

The store serves hundreds of families each year at no cost. We are also open to the public offering garage sale prices every day!

RIM Rural Transit

offers Public Transportation within rural areas and from rural Rock Island and Mercer Counties to destinations in the Metro Quad Cities, including linking travelers with other transportation providers. Small fee applies.



To schedule an appointment call:
(309) 788-6335 or 1 (800) 788-6308

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Home Delivered Meal Program
To volunteer, call (309) 788-6335.
- Good Things NOW Store
Please call (309) 793-6391.