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441 People received clothing at no charge thanks to generous community donations!

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Main Office

418 19th St, Rock Island (309) 793-6391

Branch Offices:

711 4th Ave, Moline (309) 764-8092

207 W 2nd St, Kewanee (309) 852-4565

605 1/2 SW 3rd St, Aledo (309) 582-2644

Rock Island County Senior Center

2221 11th St, Rock Island (309) 788-6335

Head Start Enrollment Sites:

499 27th St, East Moline (309) 792-4555

109 S Elm St, Kewanee (309) 852-4346

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Annual Report 2016



Resilience



HEAD START



An Early Education Program focused on Kindergarten Readiness helps families achieve their potential and strengthens families.

Enrollment

- **399 children** from **366 families** participated in Head Start. Average monthly enrollment was **337** or **94%** of the 360 funded children.
- **79%** of enrolled children were **at or below poverty level**. No children were homeless when they came to us and **6** children were referred by child welfare.
- **10%** of children were able to achieve their potential through **treatment of their diagnosed disabilities** by community partners.
- We were unable to serve **49** applicants which means that **88%** of the eligible children that needed Head Start were served.
- **20%** of the children **spoke English as a second language**.
- Children receive developmental, social emotional, vision and hearing screenings within 45 days and follow-up within 90 days of start date.



Child Health

Integrity

- **100%** of children enrolled had **immunizations, medical & dental exams** by year end, with **100%** current on **preventative health care**.
- **99%** of families **had doctors & dentists** when they left Head Start.

Resources

- **446** volunteers, including **103** Head Start fathers or father figures assisted our Head Start Program.
- Over **\$17,000 in local funding** and **\$1,036,223 in donated services** (primarily Family Engagement and donated space) was received.
- The 2016-17 Head Start budget includes **\$3,515,274 in public and private funding**. The 2017-2018 budget is the same. Budget items include: personnel, in-kind, indirect costs, occupancy, equipment, vehicles, nutrition/food, travel, supplies, parent services and other child costs.

RIM Rural Public Transit

Serving Rural Rock Island and Mercer Counties. Provided **8,421 rides** to **201** people this year. **To Schedule a ride, CALL TODAY!!**

309 788 6335 or
1 800 788 6308



STAFF CELEBRATING SIGNIFICANT YEARS OF

Service



Mary Whipple
22 years



Lynn Evans
21 years



Delfina Tapia
19 years



Leann Tessier
19 years

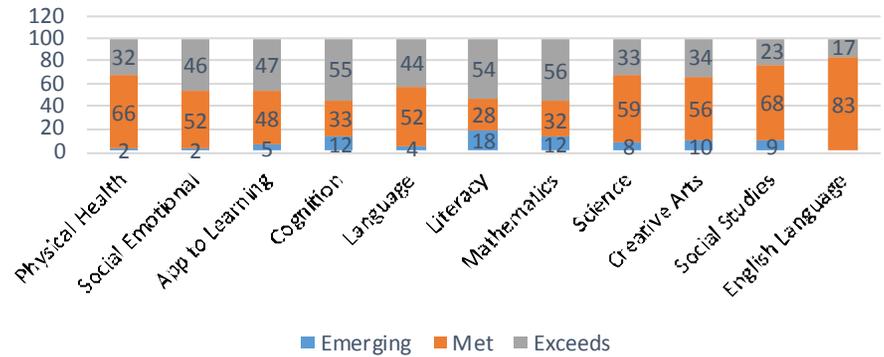


Melissa Wise
18 years



Maria Flores
18 years

Project NOW Head Start Outcomes 2015 2016 Kindergarten



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!!

(of Time & Space)

Chris, Caleb and Katie Engebrecht, Gary Benson, Libby Hess, Judy Paulsen, Nancy Humphrey, Phil Gonzalez, Wayne Sutton, Rosewood Care Center, Michelle Dyer, Brittny Starr, 1st Lutheran Church Moline, Jim & Sue Johnson, divvyDOSE, Mercer County Senior Center, Colona House, Bryant Jones, Westwood Terrace, Jumer's Casino, Reynolds American Legion Hall, Edginton Evangelical Presbyterian Church, St John's Lutheran Church Rock Island, Broadway Presbyterian Church Rock Island, Colona Township, Habitat for Humanity, Rebuild Together, United Way Day of Caring Volunteers from John Deere Seeding, John Deere Corporate, Russell Construction, 1st Midwest Bank and Wells Fargo, Ron Boland, John's Lawn Care, Martin Pizano, Oscar Gomez of Superior Masonry, Dorothy Hedberg & St James Lutheran Church of Rock Island, Heritage Woods, Ashley Steward, Terry Sanders, Kay Ellen Pannebaker, Eva Pennington, Eddy Bull, Mickey Dotson, Norma Gomez, Becky Perry, Thomas Parsons, Lisa Strafford, Mischa Hooker, Gene & Geri Maitlen, Linda White, Thomas Maehr, Sue & Keith Bratcher, Carole Trout, Modern Woodmen, Coventry Apartments, Friendship Manor, and ... all of our Head Start Parents!!

Community

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Improving the conditions in which people live and strengthening our communities by meeting basic needs

Basic Needs Improving living conditions, strengthening families

- **139 families in crisis received emergency assistance**, including **27 medical & dental needs**.
- **238 vouchers helped 441** people find free clothing and household items at Project NOW's **Good Things NOW Stores**.
- **15 Economic Development Scholarships** were awarded to pay for job training classes for CNA, CDL and Welding certifications.

Hope

COMPUTERS AND JOB COACHING!!

Do you need help learning to use a computer? Searching for a job? Visit us at: 711 4th Ave Moline or call 764-8092

Homeless Services Helping customers achieve their potential

- **Transitional Housing** served **46 Families** with **12,418 nights of housing** along with extensive case management. An additional **23 families** received **Supportive Housing Case Management**.
- **107 families (272 people)** received **rent & deposit assistance**.

Utility Assistance Warming homes, keeping families housed

- **6,574 homes** were kept warm thanks to **utility assistance** (LIHEAP).
- **56 households** received additional **energy-related help** with water heaters, utility bill assistance and other energy related minor repairs. MidAmerican Energy is a great partner, funding this.
- **29 families** received **emergency furnace repair/replacement**.

Summer Food Reducing hunger, increasing nutrition

- **2,004 meals** provided to **193 children**.

\$\$\$ Scholarships Available \$\$\$

for college or trade school.

www.projectnow.org Or call 309 793 6391



Mona Mejia
18 years



Rose Willits
18 years



Gina Harris
17 years



Kris Downey
17 years



Rose Taylor
16 years



Maria Martinez
16 years

SENIOR SERVICES

Seniors (aged 60 and over) are able to live in their own homes thanks to **Meals, Transportation, Information/Assistance and Outreach**.

- **75,026 units of service were provided to 3,454 seniors** Medicare Part D Information/Enrollment, Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Counseling, Utility Assistance, Social Security Issues, Public Aid Application Assistance, Clothing and Food Pantry Vouchers, Information and Links to Other Community Services.

Transportation Services Integrating seniors

- **5,745** one way rides were provided to **288** seniors in Rock Island and Mercer Counties. This service was interrupted this year due to the lack of State funding.



Senior Meals Reducing isolation, increasing nutrition

- **16,664 meals** were served to **434** seniors at 7 Sites in Rock Island & Mercer Counties.
- **46,933 Home Delivered Meals** were served to **343** seniors.

Dignity

To volunteer call (309) 788-6335

Outreach Services Improving living conditions

- **1,185 seniors** received **2,102** units of **Information & Assistance**.
- **517 seniors** received **798** units of **Outreach**.
- **Benefit Access services** were provided to **544 seniors**.
- **400 Farmers Market Coupon Books (\$10,000)** were distributed to seniors so they could purchase healthy food at local Farmers' Markets.
- **143** seniors were assisted with **Senior Health Insurance Program**.

HOUSING

Weatherization Improving conditions in which people live

- **Weatherization Program** increased energy efficiency to **70 homes** with repairs, sealing, insulation, caulking and furnace repair or replacement.

Affordable Housing Rentals Promoting family stability

- **249 individuals**, including **127 families** were housed in **Project NOW Affordable Housing rentals** in Rock Island, Moline, Viola, Keithsburg, New Boston and Kewanee. We are committed to providing safe, affordable homes to our very low-income customers.



Lab Crossroad Volunteers from across America stayed at Augustana College & worked on Project NOW property rentals. THANK YOU!!

PROJECT NOW BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2016

“WE ENVISION THE WHOLE COMMUNITY WORKING HAND IN HAND TO MEET HUMAN NEEDS, PROTECT HUMAN DIGNITY AND RESTORE HOPE”



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Audited Financials for Year Ending 06/30/2016

Revenue

Federal	\$	6,906,068
State	\$	2,427,708
Local	\$	206,773
Project Income, Donations & Other	\$	710,544
In-kind	\$	429,127
Total Revenue	\$	10,680,221

Expenses

Utility Assistance	\$	3,823,212
Head Start	\$	3,132,333
Senior Services	\$	850,082
Outreach	\$	728,023
Weatherization	\$	532,459
Rural Public “RIM” & Senior Transportation	\$	435,695
Homeless Services & Transitional Housing	\$	376,426
Property Rentals & Unrestricted Activities	\$	361,149
Housing-Homebuyer/Home Rehab	\$	159,068
Total Expenses	\$	10,398,447

Project NOW’s 2016 Audit expressed an Unmodified Opinion.

From the Executive Director



RESILIENCE best describes the past year as we, along with our customers, have weathered the storm of the delayed, diminished and altogether unpredictable state of Illinois funding that is so essential to service delivery.

As a result of this, Senior Transportation was stopped for the first time ever and our housing rehabilitation and homebuyer programs had no new funding. Senior Outreach, Information & Assistance, Home-Delivered Meals and Homeless Services were all caught up in the ever changing state funding chaos. State funding for programs was not finalized until the very last day of the state fiscal year (June 30th), so we operated some services minimally all year.

Perhaps the silver lining is that Project NOW receives approximately 75% of our money from the federal government., so a few critical programs were unaffected including Head Start.

It is interesting that when resources dry up and don't flow on the family level we call it poverty. When it happens at the state level it is equally difficult to solve, and as with poverty, we are all ultimately affected by it.

We look forward to workable solutions in the year ahead and we salute our customers who teach us so much about **RESILIENCE**

Maureen “Mo” Hart
Executive Director



Stella Schneekloth Project NOW’s Housing Director is celebrating **35 Years of Service**, making a career of “helping people help themselves”



Bob Hepner represented Henry County on Project NOW’s Board of Directors for over 27 years, serving as Vice Chair for 17 years. This year we lost a great supporter with Bob’s passing and we truly miss his unique way of “working hand in hand to help people”



Darlene Swim has represented the private sector on Project NOW’s Board of Directors since 1991, marking **25 Years of Service!** Thank you, Darlene, for giving so freely of your time to focus on poverty and for “strengthening communities by helping people!”