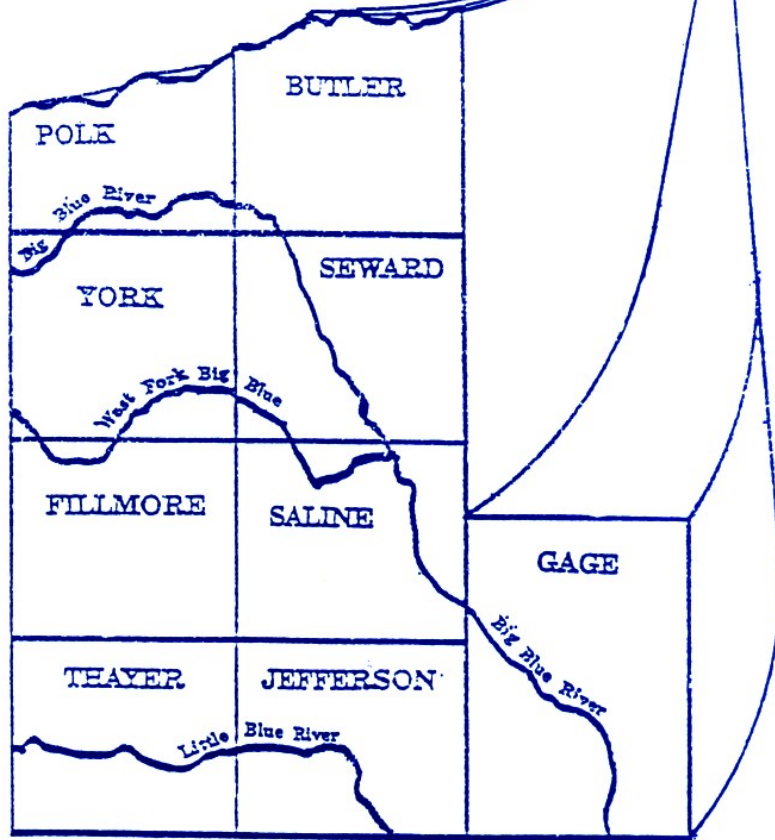


1966-1991

25 Years



Community Service



Women, Infants & Children — Holiday Projects — Supplemental Food
— Homeless Assistance — Day Care — Transportation — Emergency
Food — Housing — Clothing Recycling — Immunization — Preschool
— Head Start — Youth Dental Care — Weatherization — Outreach —
Grant Writing Services

Throughout Nebraska, one senses a tradition of pride in the state, its land, and people. As generations of Nebraskans have shared their heritage, so has Blue Valley Community Action continued to keep the proud spirit of rural Nebraska alive.

Hardship has been no stranger to the history of our great state. The pioneers endured many hardships, the dust bowl years did not do us in, nor did the recent recession of the '80s. As we begin the 1990s, we hope the sharing and cooperation that has been a tradition in our state will continue to be shown for those less fortunate among us.

In assisting families and individuals to achieve a better standard of living, and lessen the burdens of a still difficult economy for many, this community organization works toward the elimination of poverty, rather than the maintenance of a state of dependency.

Blue Valley Community Action is dedicated to the idea of people helping people to help themselves. In this last decade of the 20th century, we will continue to help the less fortunate in order that the people of Nebraska may always be proud.



Richard D. Nation, Executive Director
Blue Valley Community Action, Inc.

The overall purpose of Blue Valley Community Action, Inc. is to stimulate a better focusing of all available local, state, national, private and public resources upon the goal of enabling low-income individuals of all ages, nationalities and races in rural and urban areas to attain the skills, knowledge, health, and motivations necessary to secure the opportunities needed to become fully self sufficient. To accomplish this overall objective, each member county will have representation on the Board and the Corporation should have a visible presence in each county including real corporate holdings. To be a model of self sufficiency, the corporation will encourage activities and ventures that promote corporate self sufficiency.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

The focus of the Family and Community Services Department is on low income persons and senior citizens. Staff in nine counties are trained and certified social workers who work with individuals, as well as other agencies and community groups. Cooperation with other community groups and agencies seeks to stretch limited dollars and helps insure that available resources are fully utilized. Family and Community Services fall into five categories:

Direct Services

Staff and volunteers provide services within each county that would otherwise be unavailable. Examples are clothing recycling, transportation and emergency food pantries.

Community Organizing

Often there is a need to address problematic situations in a specific community. The staff work with town and county officials and other community organizations in developing solutions and implementing a plan of action, a true community action endeavor.

Advocacy

In some situations, staff will act on behalf of low-income persons and senior citizens so that their views are heard and their rights are observed. Advocacy may occur in all projects of the department and may involve other organizations and community officials.

Outreach

This is the process of linking people in need of services to the appropriate human services agency and may involve home visits to those unable to seek out assistance themselves.

Volunteers

Blue Valley Community Action depends greatly on community volunteers and as such works with individuals and area volunteer programs. Each county has a volunteer group, and the organization is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors.

YOUTH SERVICES

The Youth Services Department at Blue Valley Community Action involves children and their parents in a wide range of developmentally appropriate experiences. Healthy, well-adjusted and socially developed children assure a community of a prosperous future. It is with this in mind that the staff of the Youth Services Department coordinate programs for children and youth.

Head Start

Head Start is a nationally renowned child development program for preschool children aged three to five years old. It includes several emphasis areas. These include education, nutrition, health, parent involvement with children, and community involvement via social service. The Head Start program is a center-based/home-based program which involves well-trained staff (CDA credential) working with children and their parents both in the center and at home. Children with disabilities are main-streamed into the Head Start Program.

Preschool/Preschool Scholarships

Blue Valley Community Action's Youth Services Department also operates a preschool program on a fee basis for three-five year olds. Check at the local center to determine if this service is offered in your area. A preschool scholarship program is offered in Butler County for three-to-five year old children.

Immunization Program

Immunization clinics are held monthly in Jefferson, Saline, Polk and Thayer counties. Children ages two months to 21 years may receive free immunization. Clinics are a cooperative effort of local nurses, hospitals, volunteers and doctors, and are supported by State and County Health Departments.

Dental Care Program

This program provides dental care for children ages 0-16 whose families could not otherwise afford the cost. The program was established by the State Department of Health as a pilot project and involves local dentists in Fillmore, Jefferson, Saline and Thayer counties.

Day Care Center

Blue Valley Community Action, in cooperation with the Gold Crest Retirement Center in Adams, Neb., participates in a unique demonstration project for children of all ages needing day care services in northern Gage County.

COMMUNITY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Community Development

The Community and Rural Development Department of Blue Valley Community Action emphasizes a comprehensive approach to the resolution of poverty through its work with local governing bodies, community groups, and state agencies.

Department staff offer assistance with:

- (1) Identifying needs
- (2) Accessing information necessary for community planning activities
- (3) Developing community resources via grant preparation

The Community and Rural Development Department houses a resource library which contains small business development information; fund-raising, volunteer, and public relations references; and information regarding the Community Development Block Grant Program. Staff is available for on-site technical assistance to communities, consultations in the Blue Valley Home Office in Fairbury, and group presentations.

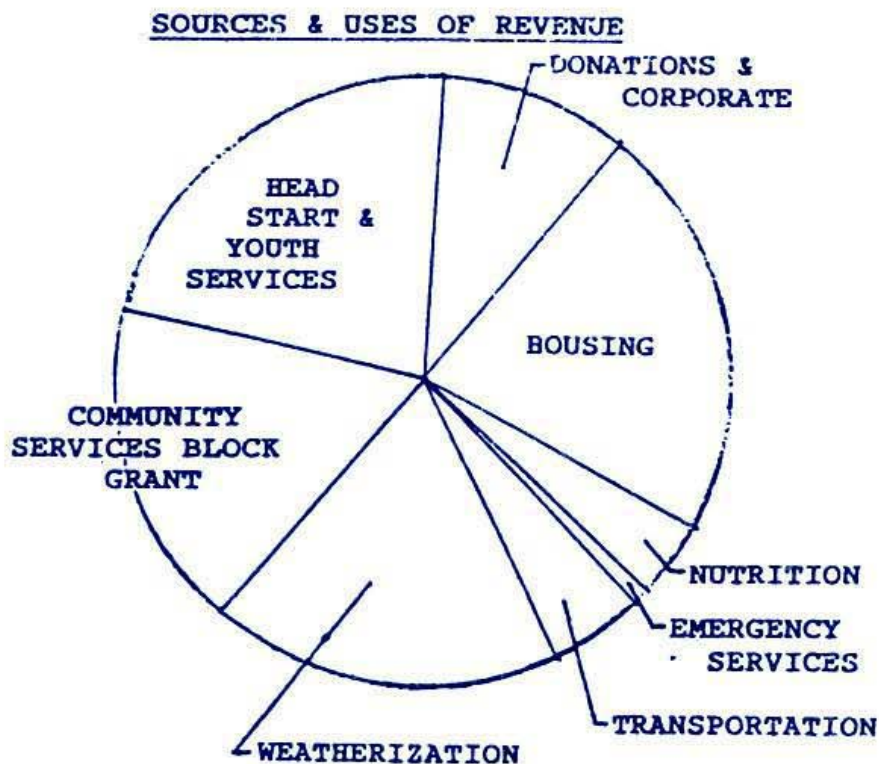
Weatherization

Blue Valley Community Action has provided quality weatherization services to low-income homes since 1974. During this time, BVCA has weatherized over 3,000 homes and provided 30-50 percent reduction in fuel consumption. Private contractors are utilized over the nine county BVCA area. Modern technology is used to seal costly drafts.

Housing

The Community and Rural Development Department sees housing as a major rural problem. In its quest to alleviate the conditions causing deterioration of our housing stock, BVCA has sought out various sources of funding to improve the life expectancy of housing within the nine county area. BVCA has, in the past three years, successfully administrated and operated eight housing programs (for various political subdivisions), representing \$2,036,850 of federal funds benefiting low to moderate income families. Presently, BVCA is operating CDBG programs in Fairbury and Crete for those two cities and is operating a Housing Preservation Program in Thayer County.

SOURCES & USES OF REVENUE



HOME OFFICE
P.O. Box 273
703 K Street, Lower Level
Fairbury Public Schools
Fairbury, NE 68352
(402) 729-2278

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICES

FAIRBURY — 729-2278
HEBRON — 768-6704
CRETE — 826-2376

CSFP CLINICS

HEBRON — 135 No. 4th
1st Friday — 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
YORK — 1500 Lincoln
Eld: 2nd Tues. — 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Non-Eld: 2nd Wed. — 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
DAVID CITY — 323 4th
2nd Thursday — 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
OSCEOLA — 460 Nebraska
3rd Wednesday — 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
DORCHESTER — North door of bank
Eld: 1st Thursday — 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Non-Eld: 3rd Friday — 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
BEATRICE — 412 Market
Eld: 4th Tuesday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Non-Eld: 4th Wednesday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

FAIRBURY — Hospital
4th Tuesday — 1-3 p.m.
HEBRON — Hospital
2nd Wednesday — 2-4 p.m.
CRETE — Community Center
1st Monday — 2:30-4:30 p.m.
FRIEND — Hospital
4th Thurs.: 2-4 p.m.

**FAMILY AND COMMUNITY
SERVICE CENTERS**

BUTLER COUNTY
FILLMORE COUNTY
GAGE COUNTY
JEFFERSON COUNTY
POLK COUNTY
SALINE COUNTY
SEWARD COUNTY
THAYER COUNTY
YORK COUNTY

323 4th St., David City, NE 68632	367-4347
130 S. 8th, Geneva, NE 68361	759-3564
West Scott & Hwy. 136, Beatrice, NE 68310	223-6034
1329 Oak St., Fairbury, NE 68352	729-5568
460 Nebraska St., Osceola, NE 68651	747-2102
1217 Juniper, Crete, NE 68333	826-2376
1510 W. Hwy. 34, Seward, NE 68434	643-6425
135 N. 4th St., Hebron, NE 68370	768-6704
1512 Lincoln Ave., York, NE 68467	362-3516

**HEAD START AND CHILD
CARE CENTERS**

FILLMORE COUNTY
FRIEND PRESCHOOL
GAGE COUNTY
JEFFERSON COUNTY
SALINE COUNTY
THAYER COUNTY

130 S. 8th, Geneva, NE 68361	759-3564
Friend Public Schools, Friend, NE 68359	947-2781
West Scott & Hwy. 136, Beatrice, NE 68310	223-6035
1005 E St., Fairbury, NE 68352	729-2161
4th & Harris, Wilber, NE 68465	821-2478
435 N. 3rd, Hebron, NE 68370	768-6727

TRANSIT OFFICES

FILLMORE TRANSIT
1120 F Street
Geneva, NE 68361
759-3345
YORK TRANSIT
Courthouse
York, NE 68467
362-7626
BUTLER TRANSIT
592 D Street
David City, NE 68632
367-6131

WIC CLINICS

SALINE COUNTY
Crete — Community Center
1st Monday
SEWARD COUNTY
Seward — Faith Lutheran Church
2nd Monday
FILLMORE COUNTY
Geneva — United Methodist Church
3rd Monday
YORK COUNTY
York — United Presbyterian Church
1st & 2nd Wednesdays