

# BLUE VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

*Helping People. Changing Lives.*



*Annual Report  
2013*

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## **BVCA Partnership**

*Committed to serving the needs of individuals and families in the counties of Butler, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Polk, Saline, Seward, Thayer and York in Nebraska. Limited services provided in other counties.*



## Leadership Team

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# A Message from BVCA

Two thousand and fourteen marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of President Lyndon Johnson's "declaration of all-out war on poverty" speech to the nation. The so called "War on Poverty" was a very creative period in American governance. Many folks know that the efforts made worked while they were in the "all-out war" part of the effort. Unfortunately, the war effort began reducing within just three years as another war, Vietnam, drained the budgets for the effort. Ever since 1964, we have been waging that war with most of our weapons not in play.

All "War On Poverty" veterans realize that we know what works. We haven't always had policy makers or press that will look at the real facts. When was poverty declining and when was it on the rise? What policies changed to impact that?

Let's look at some of the programs of that era: Head Start, Medicaid, Medicare, Community Action, Job Corps, VISTA (AmeriCorps), etc. These programs addressed real needs of the population: cost of child care, impacts of poverty on education, rising costs of health care, higher than average senior citizen poverty, increased health needs of the elderly, communities working together to resolve local problems and issues, job training sites to help prepare youth for employment and instill the work ethic, volunteerism to help ones community or other communities, etc. We had the answers and still have them. So what happened? Commitment by the federal government was inconsistent—you cannot keep changing your mind whether you should be fighting a war and expect to win. We still win many battles as evidenced by some of the statistics and outcomes shown in this annual report. If we want to win the war, however, we must commit to doing so. Federal sequestration cuts on most of these programs take us in the opposite direction than total unconditional victory. Policy makers need to step up and deal with the reality that in America the rich get richer, the poor get poorer and the rest of us pretty much stand still as far as wealth is concerned.

Political realities dictate, however, that we must do more with less—we have been hearing that for decades now. The assistance we get from the general public and private sector businesses, churches and civic groups helps us keep up the good fight. They also help keep up staff and volunteer morale. We depend upon the generous donations of our neighbors and friends. We appreciate their help and the hundreds of BVCA volunteers who make our impact more than we could ever hope without them.

Take a moment to review our Annual Report for 2013 and celebrate with us the accomplishments and knowledge that what we do helps all folks in our communities and makes America a better place to live.



*Tony Likens  
Board President  
2009-2014*



*Richard Nation  
Chief Executive Officer  
1978-2014*



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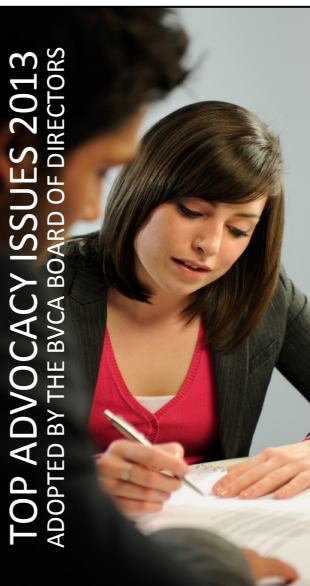
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## ***Our Mission***

*Overcoming Poverty by  
 Helping People, Improving Lives  
 and Strengthening Communities.*

TOP ADVOCACY ISSUES 2013  
 ADOPTED BY THE BVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



- Promote job creation programs, policies and legislation.
- Promote broader coverage of residents by human service programs by broadening the eligibility criteria without adversely affecting those receiving benefits.
- Support public education regarding discrimination against the poor.
- Promote a living wage and minimum wage increases.
- Support a streamlined process toward becoming a U.S. Citizen.
- Promote rural equity in human service opportunities.
- Resist major legislative cuts in programs that impact the poor and the organization.
- Support healthcare that offers affordable universal coverage.
- Support healthy lifestyle opportunities for low-income families and individuals.
- Encourage favorable taxation policy towards low-income tax-payers and charitable organizations.
- Oppose immediate removal of benefits when a person or family initially comes out of poverty on their road to self-sufficiency.
- Support the right of low-income to have adequate legal counsel.
- Support multi-year federal budgeting, similar to state two year cycle.
- Oppose limitations on healthcare, whether it is pre-existing conditions, denial of benefits, reductions of benefits, restrictions on prevention, or excessive costs.

# FY 2013 Client Data

*During FY 2013  
BVCA Partnership served  
11,020 individuals.*

## Employment

55.4% of households are employed.  
(includes part & full-time employment)  
23.5% of households are unemployed.  
21.1% of households are retired.

## Family Structure

The average community family size is 2.55 people per household compared to the average BVCA client family size of 2.14.

### Family Size:

40%	One Person
22%	Two Persons
13%	Three Persons
10%	Four Persons
8%	Five Persons
4%	Six Persons
2%	Seven Persons
1%	Eight or More Persons

### Household Types:

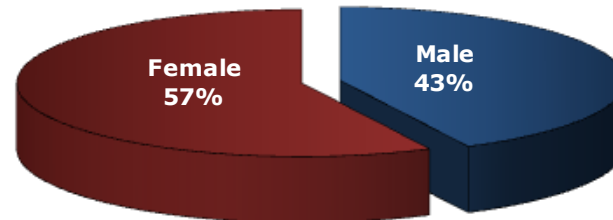
27%	Two Parents
23%	Single Parent
9%	Couple, No Children
35%	Single Persons
6%	Other



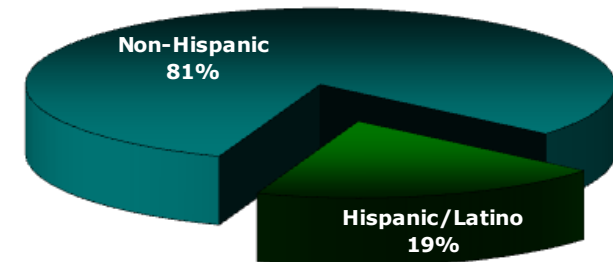
## Our Vision

*Our vision is that communities are safe and supportive; differences and traditions are respected; individuals and families are financially secure; and everyone has opportunities to develop their potential.*

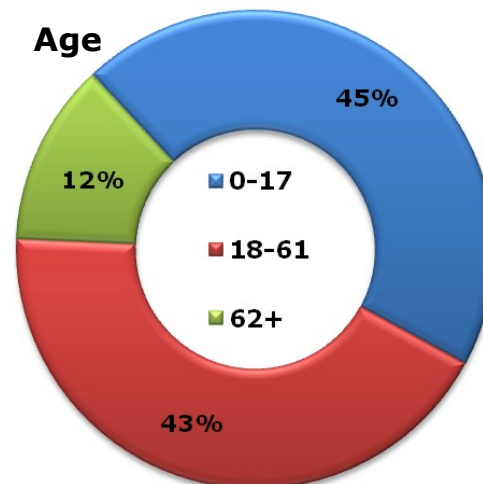
## Gender



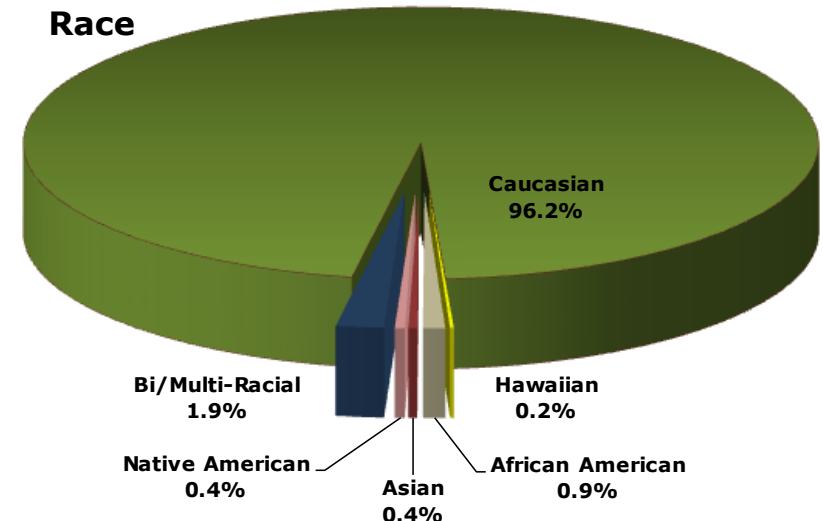
## Ethnicity



## Age



## Race





## Poverty Among BVCA's Clients' Families

Percent of the poverty rate and percent of BVCA clients at that rate:

50% or less	26%	101%-125%	19%
51%-75%	15%	126%-175%	13%
76%-100%	<u>22%</u>	176% or higher	<u>5%</u>
	63%		37%

What does it mean in real dollars for a family of four?

- \* 50% of poverty is \$11,925 gross
- \* 100% of poverty is \$23,850 gross
- \* 125% of poverty is \$29,813 gross

Current minimum wage is \$7.25 per hour or \$15,080 full-time gross, significantly below the poverty rate. Even at \$10.00 per hour, the wage for a family of four would be \$20,800 still well below the poverty rate.

## Education

5%	College/Tech Graduates
7%	High School Graduates with Some College
22%	High School Graduates/GED
14%	Non-graduating Adults
26%	Current K-12 Students
26%	Preschool and Younger

## Insurance

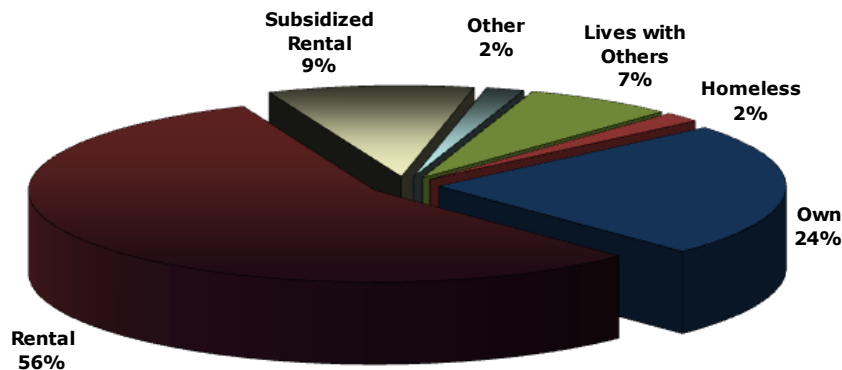
	% of Clients	Change From FY 2012
SCHIP-Children's Health Insurance Pool	37.9%	+11.4
Medicaid	9.3%	-6.7
Medicare	4.2%	+2
Medicare & Medicaid	5.5%	NO CHANGE
Medicare, Medicaid & Private	3.3%	+3
Native American Health	0%	-5
Veterans Administration	1.0%	NO CHANGE
Private Coverage	11.5%	-5.0
No Insurance	27.4%	+4



## The Promise of Community Action

*Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.*

## Client Shelter Arrangements



# Programs—A Year In Review

FY 2013

## EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

*Available: All Counties*

Individuals and families are assisted with emergency requests including housing provision, transportation and various small emergencies.



- Number of individuals receiving emergency assistance:
  - \* Rent: 261
  - \* Utility: 620
  - \* Shelter: 106
  - \* Medical Care: 9
  - \* Transportation: 97
  - \* Clothing: 99
- Unduplicated number for all these services total 866 individuals in 517 households.

## PROJECT FIRST (FAMILIES IN RESIDENCE WITH SUPPORT IN TRANSITION)

*Availability: All Counties*

Homeless families with children engage in the family development process to achieve self-sufficiency and permanent housing through scattered site housing in the community of their choice.

- 16 families with 53 family members (22 adults and 31 children) were served.
- Of the persons entering FIRST during the year:
  - \* 8 came from emergency shelter.
  - \* 9 were living with family/friends.
  - \* 2 were living in an unsubsidized rental.
  - \* 1 came from a substance abuse treatment facility.
- Program goal results included:
  - \* 6 of 9 who exited had the same or more income at time of exit, compared to time of entry.
  - \* 12 of 13 who currently remain on program had the same or more income compared to time of entry.
  - \* 18 of 19 who exited the program remained in permanent housing.

## INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES

*Available: All Counties*

Local staff provide needed information regarding services, make appropriate referrals to community organizations, agencies and other resources, and complete follow-up services.

- 3,008 information and referral services were provided.



*"I came to BVCA without a job, an education or money. Project First has changed my life. It is a part of my journey. I've learned so many things through the program. I've learned the tools that I need to live a better life."*

*"When my house burned down, BVCA provided me with a deposit for an apartment. Without their help, I would be homeless."*

## FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

*Available: All Counties*

Individuals and families who are facing a shortage of food are assisted through the generosity of donations by individuals, communities and organizations.

- 3,270 individuals/1,249 households received food assistance.
- 13,456 food boxes were distributed.
- While most food is donated, some items must be purchased (i.e. milk, meat, paper products and hygiene products). During FY 2013, BVCA spent \$19,960.45 on additional items.
- In addition, Walmart donated 572,909 pounds of food, including bakery items and fresh fruits and vegetables, to BVCA's Fillmore, Jefferson, Saline, Seward and York food pantries. This food was distributed as part of the Feeding America program.

## COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM (CSFP)

*Available: All Counties and also Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee and Richardson—Sites at David City, Fairbury, York, Hebron, Beatrice, Crete & Humboldt*

Government purchased surplus food commodities are distributed to eligible individuals to foster good health and nutrition. Those eligible are children to age 6, women who are pregnant, breastfeeding or have given birth within the last 12 months, and persons 60 years and older.

- A total of 1,301 individuals were enrolled:
  - \* 2 infants age 0-12 months
  - \* 156 children
  - \* 40 postpartum women
  - \* 1,103 elderly individuals
- A total of 11,406 monthly food packages were distributed.
- USDA value of food distributed through CSFP: \$237,247.10/year or \$19,770.59/month
- Retail value of food distributed through CSFP: \$403,883.61/year or \$33,656.97/month
- Average retail value of food given each participant per month: \$35.41
- 666 miles were driven to deliver CSFP to homebound individuals. This number does not include the numerous others driven by volunteers and partnering agencies.

### DID YOU KNOW...

CSFP is more than just a food package given to those who qualify. It is a place to gain information about other programs for which individuals may qualify. At CSFP Clinics throughout the year, CSFP staff and partnering agencies provide information about nutrition education, regular and mobile food pantries, WIC, Weatherization, SSI referrals, SNAP outreach, ACCESS Nebraska, Head Start, housing options, transportation options, and many more programs.



*"The food helps me get to my next social security check. I don't know what I'd do without it."*

*"Many others like myself depend on CSFP. If not for this, there would be many people going without the food they really need."*





*"I am disabled with an income of \$620 a month. I couldn't survive without help from BVCA."*

*"I have a limited income. Having my taxes prepared by BVCA saves me money for other expenses."*

## Helping People ... Changing Lives

### SSI/SSDI OUTREACH, ACCESS & RECOVERY (SOAR)

*Availability: All Counties, and also Saunders, Lancaster, Adams, Clay, Nuckolls, Webster, Nemaha, Cass, Otoe, Johnson, Pawnee and Richardson.*

Provides assistance in navigating through the process of applying for Supplemental Security Income and/or Social Security Disability Insurance.

- 12 applications filed; 6 homeless with an average length of time of homelessness of 10 months; 4 applications approved for SSI/SSDI and 1 denied; 65 days average to initial decision.
- 2 appeals filed; 0 approved and 2 denied; 45 days to appeal decision.

### CLOTHING AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS RECYCLING

*Available: Butler, Fillmore, Jefferson, Polk, Thayer, Seward and York Counties*

Community donations of clothing and household items are available to the general public for a small handling fee at the BVCA Centers in David City, Geneva, Fairbury, Hebron, York, Osceola and Seward.

- 70 individuals received free clothing.
- Through the "Sewing for Babies" initiative, 1,780 pieces of clothing were given to newborns enrolled in WIC.

### SPECIAL EVENT PROJECTS

*Available: All Counties*

Time, materials, food, toys, skills and love are donated by volunteers, community groups and local businesses to low-income families through seasonal projects.

- 138 children received school supplies.
- 1,509 individuals participated in various holiday events.
- 287 children participated in "Ready, Set, Go". This program helps kids get ready for school by providing schools supplies and various health screenings.
- 68 participated in the Family and Youth Involvement (FYI) Center's Project Santa.

### INCOME TAX RETURN PREPARATION

*Available: All Counties*

Free preparation of simple income tax returns is available to increase the access to Earned Income Tax Credits and Child Tax Credits.

- 101 participants received \$165,256 in returns.

## FILLMORE COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT SERVICE

*Available: Fillmore County*

County-wide transportation services within and out-of-the-county are available for a small fee for general public usage.

	FY 2013	Forever
Boardings	5,494	187,542
Days of Service	254	7727
Miles Traveled	21,270	860,516
Average Monthly Elderly Ridership	263	
Average Monthly Non-elderly Ridership	195	

ONE WAY TRIPS			
Shopping	866	Education	407
Medical	653	Nutrition	297
Employment	14	Return Trips	3,257
TOTAL: 5,494			

### DID YOU KNOW...

The Fillmore County Rural Transit Service office was relocated to Fillmore County East, an office site with several other agencies.

## INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS PROGRAM (IDA)

*Available: All BVCA Counties*

Assists low to moderate income families and foster children aging out of foster care working toward economic independence by creating a matched savings account for an asset purchase. Financial literacy training and support is also provided.

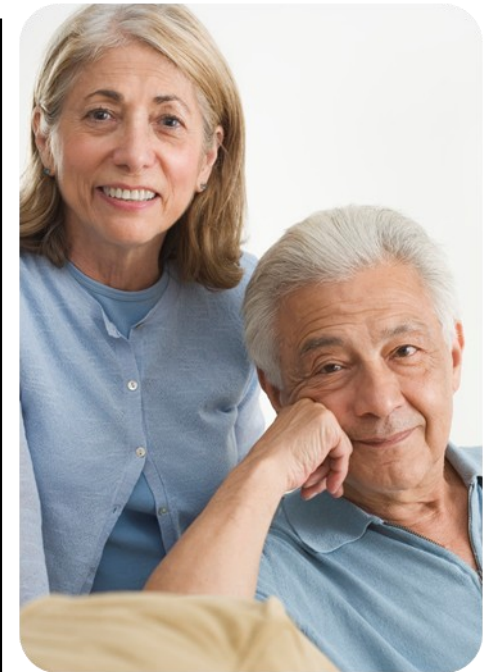
- 1 participant enrolled towards purchasing a home.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

*Competition is open to individuals in all counties.*

BVCA awards competitive scholarships to individuals. Financial need, volunteerism, aspirations and goals for furthering education are taken into consideration. Scholarships can be used for tuition, books and fees associated with enrollment. BVCA is currently seeking donors to help offer life changing opportunities through scholarships.

- Recipients of the \$500 BVCA Partnership Scholarships for the 2012-2013 school year were Almedina Bajric of Crete NE, Kelly Robinson of York NE and Christine Fiala of Bee NE.
- Recipients of the \$500 BVCA Partnership Vocational Scholarships for the 2012-2013 school year were Erick Ackland of Grafton NE and Jose Valdovinos of Crete NE.



*"Without the services offered by BVCA, it would be very difficult for me to stretch my budget for medications, food, utilities and gas for my car."*

*"Thank you for helping me continue my education. With your scholarship, I can now go to college!"*



*"Head Start has helped my family by educating us on every aspect of life. My children have grown so much as a result of the program, and so have I!"*

## Helping People ... Changing Lives

### HEAD START O-5

*Available: Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Saline, Seward, Thayer & York Counties (Data for BVCA's Smith County, Kansas center is included below. Unfortunately, the center was closed for the 2013-2014 school-year due to sequestration.)*

BVCA Partnership's Head Start 0-5 program delivers comprehensive and high quality services designed to foster healthy development in low-income and at risk children. Head Start services are responsive and appropriate to each child's and family's developmental, ethnic, cultural, linguistic heritage, and experience. Head Start provides a range of individualized services in the areas of education, special education, nutrition, social services, medical, dental and mental health.

#### ▪ Head Start:

- \* 291 children/265 families/1,088 family members were enrolled.
- \* Waitlist totaled 161 on first day of school and 156 on last day of school.
- \* 267 health exams were provided.
- \* 268 dental screenings were provided.
- \* 271 were immunized.

#### ▪ Early Head Start:

- \* 109 children/91 families/339 total members were enrolled.
- \* 9 pregnant women were served.
- \* Waitlist totaled 271 on first day and 240 on last day.
- \* 96 health exams were provided.
- \* 95 dental screenings were provided.
- \* 91 were immunized.

#### ▪ 35,355 meals and 19,035 snacks were provided.

#### ▪ Oral Health Access for Young Children: Head Start along with Public Health Solutions have partnered to improve dental health of children in Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Saline and Thayer counties. A total of 460 fluoride varnish and iodine treatments were given to over 150 children throughout the 2012-2013 program year. Informational pamphlets and educational resources were also given to families of the children who participated in the project.

AGES	
Prenatal	9
under age 1	35
1 year old	43
2 years old	35
3 years old	124
4 years old	160
5 years old	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>409</b>

### BLUE RIVER CHILDCARE & PRESCHOOL

*Available: Saline County*

Blue River Childcare & Preschool is a high quality, early childhood education and care program for children six weeks through twelve years of age. It provides developmentally age appropriate educational activities in all care settings and nutritionally approved meals to all children in a licensed facility.

- 68 children were provided with safe and affordable childcare.
- 187 children were provided with preschool.
- 14 families have more than one child enrolled at the center.
- 39,406 meals and 18,952 snacks were provided.
- The center is open 71.5 hours per week to accommodate the needs of working parents.



## EARLY CHILDHOOD COLLABORATION

*Available: Crete, Fairbury, Beatrice, Deshler, Hebron & York*

The Nebraska Early Childhood Education (ECE) Grant Program for ages 3-5 is designed to award state funds to public schools or Educational Service Units (ESUs) to assist in the operation of comprehensive early childhood education programs intended to support the learning and development of children who are three and four years old. The programs increase opportunities for at-risk children to participate in early childhood education program by creating new, expanded and/or combined programs funded with school district funds, federal funds, and/or parent fees, and involve collaboration with Head Start and other community programs. BVCA Partnership collaborates with these school districts to expand opportunities for more preschool aged children using the quality of Head Start as a model.

- 428 children in addition to the 291 Head Start children receive services in these communities because of these collaborations.

## INFANT/TODDLER QUALITY INITIATIVE PROGRAM

*Available: Gage, Saline & Jefferson*

The overall purpose of the Early Head Start Infant/Toddler Quality Initiative (I/TQI) is to improve the quality of infant and toddler care in Nebraska. The program: 1) provides professional development opportunities and other support to family and center-based partners; 2) assists in training and mentoring for their child care partners on infant and toddler issues and development; and 3) observes and reports the best outcomes, greatest challenges for childcare partners who participated in the initiative, and measures of quality within the childcare partners' child caring environments.

- BVCA worked with 13 providers during FY 2012: 4 home providers from Saline County, 5 homes and 1 center (2 rooms) from Gage County and 1 center (2 rooms) from Jefferson County.

### DID YOU KNOW...

Through the funding sources, the program was able to: provide provider memberships to a national professional organization (NAEYC) for 7 interested providers; create a training plan for each provider that resulted in over 345 hours of training for 24 providers, an average of 14 hours per person (2 more than is required for state licensing); and provide an average of \$1,400 per provider on new materials to improve the quality of their program!

## DIVERSITY EDUCATION

*Available: All Counties*

Provides diversity education and training to staff and communities. Raising awareness of cultural differences within our society. Focusing on differences in race, religion, ethnicity and socioeconomics.

- 2 presentations given.
- 13 BVCA staff attending.



*"As a former Head Start child, this program has taught me how to be a better parent to my toddler who will be attending Head Start in the fall. I hope that he can learn the same values as I did!"*



*"We are very happy. BVCA employees were very helpful. We probably would have had a very rough winter without their help. It was a blessing."*

*"Everyone at BVCA was very helpful and knowledgeable. We would not have been able to buy our home without them."*

## Helping People ... Changing Lives

### WEATHERIZATION

*Available: All Counties*

The Weatherization Program was designed to make homes safer, healthier and more energy efficient. Inspections are performed on all heating systems in the home. Efficiency and safety tests are done on all furnaces and water heaters. Combustion Appliance Zone (CAZ) testing is done on all combustion appliances, including furnaces, water heaters, gas cook stoves and gas clothes dryers. Homes are also checked for moisture and mold problems. The house is checked for insulation or the lack thereof in walls, attics, crawl spaces and basement areas. All windows and doors are evaluated for possible repairs or replacement. All information gathered is then entered into a computerized energy audit that indicates which improvements are cost effective and those that are not. After the audit, a work order is made and given to the contractors and crews to do the work.

- Homes were weatherized for 102 individuals in 44 households.
- 8 new, high efficiency furnaces were installed in homes.

**DID YOU KNOW...**

*The Department of Energy has tracked fuel consumption on homes that have been weatherized and have found that there is an average savings of 30% for customers in the costs of heating and cooling their homes!*

### OWNER-OCCUPIED REHABILITATION

*Available: All Counties*

Low and moderate income homeowners are offered low-interest loans and/or forgivable loans to rehabilitate their homes to meet health and safety needs, limited by type of need or the extent of work needed. The program is designed to bring the eligible property owner's dwelling into compliance with locally adopted housing standards to reduce ongoing and future maintenance costs, and to preserve safe, decent and affordable housing. The Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program also promotes revitalization of a neighborhood as well as the community.

- 11 owner-occupied housing units have been rehabilitated to reduce ongoing and future maintenance needs.

*Did you know...*

Since the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development first implemented the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, nearly half (over \$3 billion) of all HOME project funds committed were dedicated to rehabilitation.

### RENTWISE

*Available: Gage & Jefferson Counties*

RentWise provides classes to individuals who are renting a home or an apartment. Classes inform participants about communication, money management, finding the right place, the legal process of renting, the importance of a clean home and also the moving out process.

## HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (HOP)

*Available: All Counties*

The Homeownership Opportunity Program provides assistance for the purchase of existing or newly constructed single-family homes. Funds are available to assist individuals and families with closing costs, down-payment assistance and/or rehabilitation of the home. The funds are a deferred loan that does not incur interest and no payments are due during the first five years after purchase. Beginning in year six, the individual or family will begin to repay the deferred loan with an interest rate of 3% amortized over ten years.

- 7 individuals/3 households were assisted in purchasing their own home—leveraging \$356,400 privately with \$30,000 in down-payment assistance.
- 4 First-Time Homebuyer Education classes were provided to 14 individuals.
- The HOP program allows families that normally would not qualify through a local lender to have the opportunity of achieving their goal of homeownership. Increased homeownership levels in neighborhoods leads to increased property values and neighborhood stabilization.

## LEASE PURCHASE PROGRAM

*Available: All Counties*

The Lease Purchase Program offers low and moderate income individuals and families the opportunity to overcome barriers to homeownership over a gradual period of time. Through this program, individuals and families select and live in a home they will purchase after a rental term during which they can prepare both mentally and financially for the responsibilities of homeownership.

- 10 individuals/3 households were enrolled.

## AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING

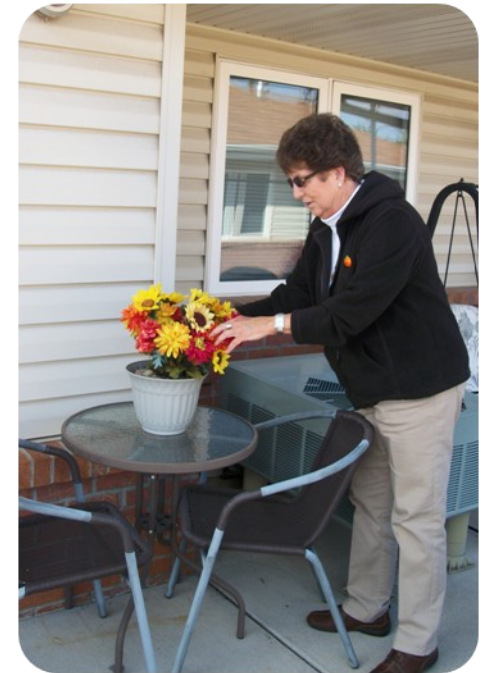
*Available: Butler, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Polk, Saline, Thayer & York Counties*

BVCA Partnership manages 190 affordable rental units, including 60 lease-to-own homes. These rentals are designed to make safe, quality housing available to income eligible individuals and families. Funding sources included are Low Income Housing Tax Credit, USDA Rural Development and HOME assisted units.

- 214 individuals/62 households in lease-to-own homes.
- 302 individuals/154 households in rental units.

### SUCCESS STORIES...

Jill is a single mom with three children. She rents one of BVCA's lease to own homes. She started out with help from the Housing Authority paying some of her rent. Now Jill is paying all of her bills herself. She has also started to save money to buy a home. ■ Danny and Marie were living in one of our two-bedroom apartments. They have now moved to one of our lease to own homes. They are extremely happy about their new home!



*"Everything is great. I love living in this apartment. If ever there is a problem it gets taken care of right away."*

*—Tenant at New Horizon*

*"I am grateful BVCA gave me the opportunity to live here. This allowed me to reach my goals of going to college."*

*—Tenant at Valley Heights I*





*"I have been so thankful for the WIC assistance we have received. Without it, there would have been many times my children would have gone without milk or fruit."*

*"This program has helped improve my understanding of my child's developmental needs and has made it possible to provide a well balanced meal."*

## Helping People ... Changing Lives

### WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC)

*Available: Butler, Fillmore, Polk, Saline, Seward & York Counties*

The Nebraska Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program provides healthy food at no cost, in addition to breastfeeding and nutrition information to help keep pregnant women, infants and children under five, healthy and strong. After medical and nutritional screening, vouchers are given to certified individuals for food from local stores.

- 1,541 individuals:
  - \* 405 women
  - \* 890 children
  - \* 246 infants
- 980 referrals to other services were given.

**DID YOU KNOW...**

BVCA recently expanded its WIC Program into Butler and Polk Counties.

### WIC PEER COUNSELOR PROGRAM

*Available: Fillmore, Saline, Seward and York Counties*

Provides breastfeeding education and support for pregnant and post-partum women to ensure a successful breastfeeding experience.

- 405 women received services.
- 234 Non-Hispanic, 171 Hispanic

### IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (IAP)

*Available: Jefferson, Saline & Seward Counties*

Provides free immunization to keep children and communities healthy by protecting children ages 6 weeks to 18 years old from life threatening and or debilitating diseases.

- 336 infants and children received immunizations
  - \* 146 Non-Hispanic, 190 Hispanic
- 19 adults received immunizations.
- 966 vaccines were given.



## MINORITY HEALTH CASE MANAGEMENT

*This program was available in Saline County. Unfortunately funding was not received for FY 2014.*

Provides case management to pregnant and post-partum women and their families. Services provided include support with interpretation at WIC and Immunization Clinics, interpretation and transportation for medical appointments, and assistance with application and/or referral for other community resources.

- Individuals receiving case management include:
  - 138 women ages 19-63 pregnant and post-partum women received case management.
  - 9 men ages 19-57 received case management.
  - 264 infants/children ages 0-19 received case management.
- 549 interpreting services were provided.
- 18 were provided with transportation.
- 138 received healthy weight and health education classes.

## YORK PARTNERSHIP FOR REDUCING DISPARITIES

*Available: York County*

Provides case management for pregnant and post-partum Hispanic women in York County to help improve health outcomes for newborns. Hispanic women will be provided four educational sessions that focus on preventive healthcare related to diabetes, heart disease, preconception healthcare, mental health and nutrition.

- 29 pregnant and post-partum women received case management.
- 126 women received health education classes.

## KOMEN FOUNDATION

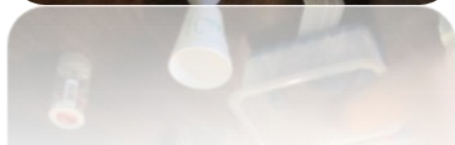
*Available: Butler, Fillmore, Polk, Saline, Seward & York Counties*

Provides Case Management/Breast Cancer Education/Free Mammograms, lab work and physicals to Hispanic Women ages 40-65 who are not eligible for Every Women Matters and who have no access to medical services.

- 39 women received services.
- Because of this program, four women who had abnormal results received additional case management services that resulted in additional testing and positive outcomes.



*"With the help of BVCA, I am able to get the needed immunizations for my children."*



*"The AmeriCorps Members at the FYI Center care about everyone. Kids and parents know it! I work two jobs just to pay rent and buy food. I can do this knowing my kids are safe at the center."*

## Helping People ... Changing Lives

### FAMILY AND YOUTH INVOLVEMENT CENTER (FYI)

*Available: Jefferson County & surrounding areas*

Provides a safe and supervised environment during after school and out of school time. Afterschool programming includes: Homework Assistance, Fitness & Recreation, Arts & Crafts, Computer Technology, Alcohol & Substance Abuse Awareness & Prevention, Invisible Mentoring, 4-H, Community Service Projects, Juvenile Diversion Outreach, Youth Leadership Council, President's Volunteer Service Award Program and Higher Education Exploration.

- 281 children attended the center at least once during FY 2013.
- 190 children received home-work tutoring.
- 118 children were involved in community betterment activities.
- 7 children were referred from school officials for issues in school from behavior issues to drop-out/throw-outs.
- FYI's "Feed Your Neighbor" project collected 114 pounds of canned food for the BVCA's Food Pantry.
- FYI's signature event is "Project Santa". A total of 57 youth participated, 226 gifts were wrapped and 38 "Thank You" cards were written to soldiers.



### AMERICORPS

*Available: Varies*

AmeriCorps is an opportunity to make a difference. It's a chance to apply existing skills, learn new skills and help others while meeting critical needs in the community. AmeriCorps Members may receive the following benefits: a small living stipend, health care insurance, child care allowance, and an education award upon successful completion of their service year.

- AmeriCorps Members were placed at BVCA's Administrative Office—one with Friends of Blue Valley, and one with the Housing Department.
- AmeriCorps Members were also placed with BVCA's Juvenile Services. There were 6 AmeriCorps Members assigned to the Family & Youth Involvement Center in Fairbury. Boys Hope Girls Hope National AmeriCorps program placed 2 AmeriCorps Member at the FYI Center to lead the mentoring and provide academic assistance. Two AmeriCorps member served at Kids Connection in Fairbury over the summer months.
- AmeriCorps Members placed with BVCA's Juvenile Services assisted with volunteer recruitment and management, fundraising and after-school programming. Programs such as RentWise benefited from the service of our AmeriCorps members. Members also provided leadership and support for the Jefferson Community Coalition's Safe Homes project. Work with Safe Homes helps to provide parents, guardians and other caring adults with educational opportunities that help to build a brighter future for our youth.



## FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

Available: Fillmore, Jefferson, Gage, Saline, Seward, Thayer, York, Otoe, Johnson, Pawnee, Nemaha & Richardson Counties

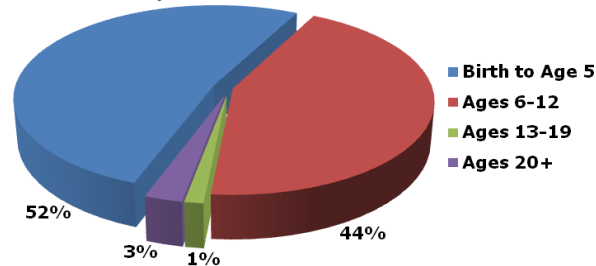
Persons who are 55 years and older, in relatively good health, and love children volunteer at least 15 hours per week at various sites during the day to give supportive one-on-one service to children who have special needs.

- 64 Grandmas and 3 Grandpas volunteered as Foster Grandparents.

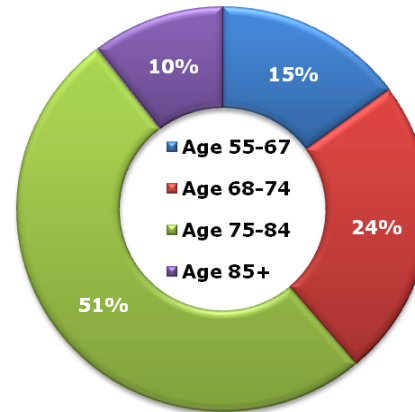
Special Needs	Children	Grandparents*
Abused/Neglected Children	6	6
Development Disabilities	12	12
Emotional Disabilities	39	39
Hearing Impaired	2	2
Language Barriers	33	33
Learning Disabilities	25	25
Physical Disabilities	2	2
Significantly Medically Impaired	0	0
Visually Impaired	0	0
Teen Pregnancy/Teen Parenting	4	4
Substance Abuse	1	1

\*Individuals may be listed in more than one Special Needs category.

Age of Children Served



Age of Grandparents



*"Being a Foster Grandparent makes a big difference in my life! It also supplements my income."*





### ***Get Involved!***

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## Helping People Changing Lives

### **FRIENDS OF BLUE VALLEY**

*Available: All Counties*

Friends of Blue Valley provides volunteer opportunities to those who wish to share their time and talents helping others throughout our service area. Volunteers are recruited, trained and placed within BVCA Partnership and throughout the community. Friends of Blue Valley participates in fundraising activities and other special events.

- 622 individuals volunteered at BVCA's centers, events and classrooms.
- 47,461.5 hours were donated by volunteers.
- The value of hours donated totaled \$608,105.
- Private donations totaled \$115,862.
- BVCA's annual fundraising campaigns: "Dollars for Difference" raised \$325; "Duck 'N' Run" raised \$4,417.
- Faith Based Organizations continue to donate to our charity to assist in helping families in need. BVCA is very thankful for their generosity and support. Contributions totaled \$107,219.
  - \* \$42,816 of donations were received in the form of food, clothing and other miscellaneous items.
  - \* Cash donations totaled \$64,403.

**DID YOU KNOW...**

*Seven of our volunteers donated more than 1,000 hours during FY 2013 and 13 others donated over 500 hours!*



### **SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES (SSVF)**

*Available: All BVCA Counties*

The goal of the SSVF is to promote housing stability among very low-income Veteran families who reside in or are transitioning to permanent housing. Through provision of outreach and case management, assistance is given to obtain VA benefits and other public benefits.

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### **PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT**

*Available: All BVCA Counties*

Bundled employment preparation and placement opportunities.

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### **NAVIGATORS**

*Available: All BVCA Counties*

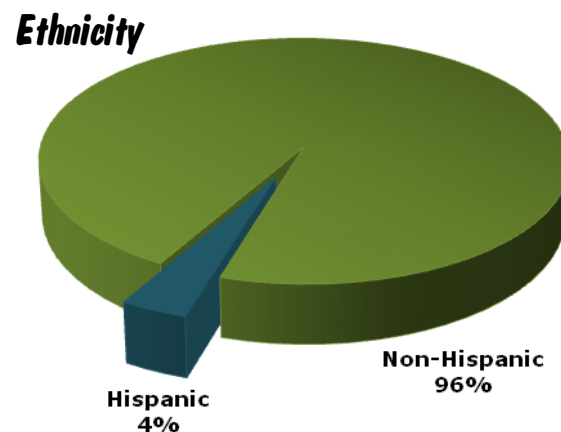
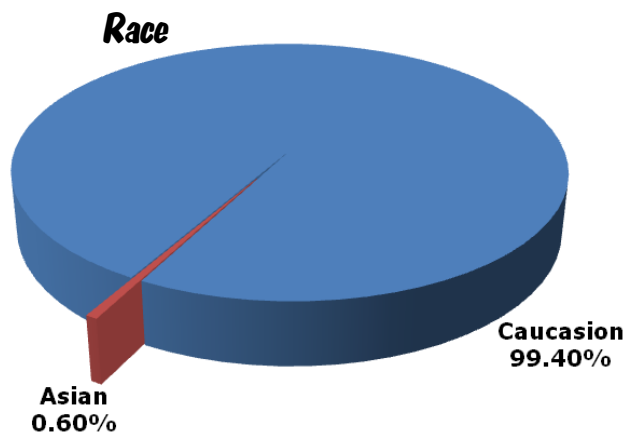
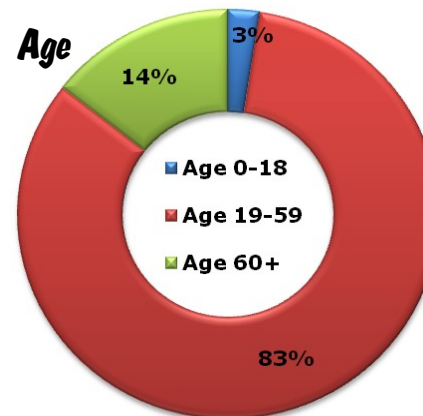
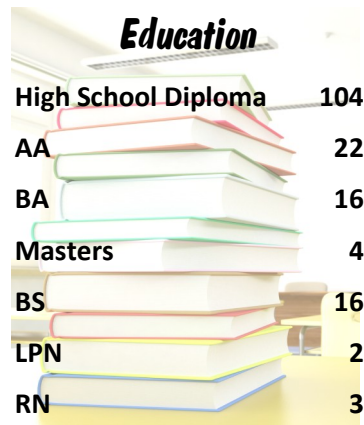
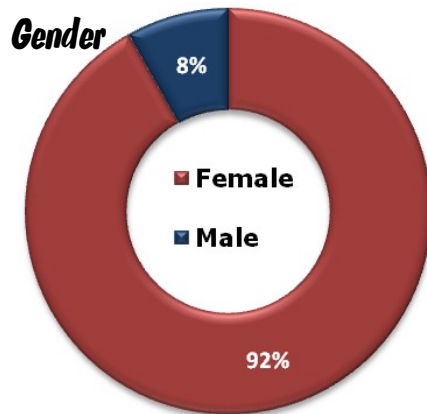
Local staff assist families, individuals and small businesses enrolling in health insurance under the Affordable Care Act. The Marketplace is a new way for individuals and businesses to compare health coverage from a variety of private insurance companies and select a plan which meets both their needs and their budget.

# Staff Stats FY 2013

## Employment Status

BVCA Partnership employed a total of 167 individuals over the past fiscal year.

- 119 full-time
- 31 part-time
- 17 on-call



## CCAP

### Certified Community Action Professional

Ardith Hoins, FCS Director  
Kim Vicars, Housing Director  
Janie Fralin, Health Services Director



## The Seven Principles of Community Action

**OPENING DOORS & LEADING THE WAY** We provide access to the opportunities people need to improve their lives, to help themselves and each other.

**TURNING HOPE INTO REALITY** We identify the needs of the entire community, collaborate with others in the community and take action to improve life for everyone in the community.

**EMPATHIZING** Our staff and volunteers are from the community they serve.

**TREATING PEOPLE WITH RESPECT** We treat people the way we want to be treated.

**SAYING "YES"** If we do not provide the needed service, we will link you to those who do.

**GIVING A VOICE TO THE POOR** Through our advocacy, we seek to make society more flexible and responsive to the needs of the poor.

**MIRRORING THE DIVERSITY OF OUR COMMUNITIES** Our local boards include low-income people, local public officials, business and community groups.



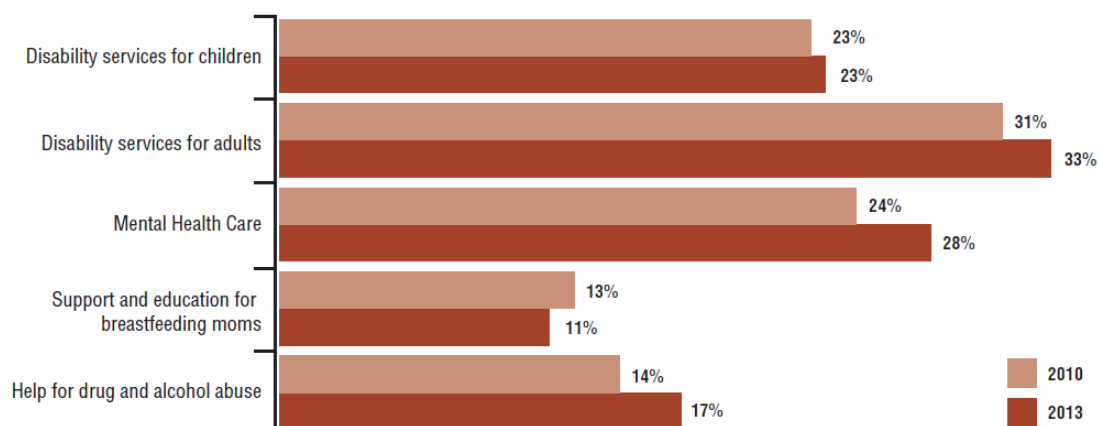


*The 2013 CAN survey included a wide range of topics including: choices and access to healthcare; issues related to raising, educating and caring for children; issues related to home ownership and household expenses; employment, income and debt; problems faced in meeting basic needs; access to employment and educational services; access to health and community services; and safe activities for teens and independent living.*

# 2013 Community Survey

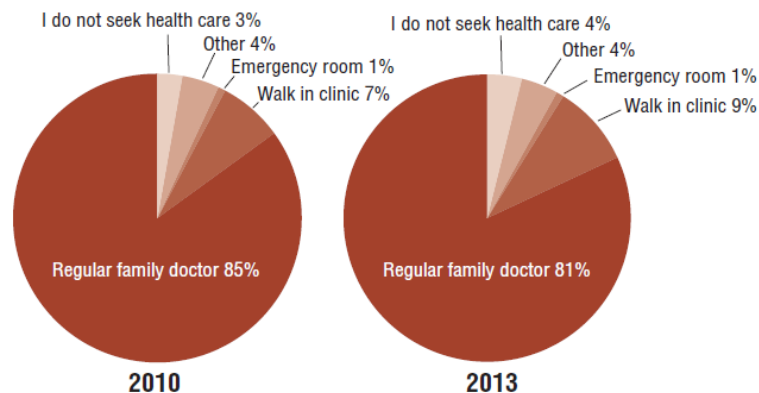
Community Action of Nebraska (CAN) is the state association of the nine Community Action Agencies in Nebraska. In July 2013, Community Action distributed 10,000 surveys across Nebraska to randomly selected residents. With this survey, Community Action aims to discover the most pressing challenges Nebraskans face so that Community Action Agencies across the state will be better equipped to address those challenges. Results from an identical survey conducted in 2010 were compared to the 2013 results as a means of identifying where efforts need to be focused in upcoming years to further address challenges identified within our state. Community Action Agencies in Nebraska will use the results to evaluate and revise their program and services to better fit the needs of their communities. Below are some of our findings from the “2013 CAN State and Regional Community Assessment Report”.

## DIFFICULTY WITH ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES—STATEWIDE RESULTS



*The Breast Feeding Peer Counseling WIC Program seems to be having an impact, while most disability and drug and alcohol services are more difficult to access.*

## WHERE DO YOU GO FOR HEALTHCARE?—STATEWIDE RESULTS



*Bad news before Affordable Care Act (ACA). Fewer Nebraskans were getting healthcare from doctors, fewer were seeking healthcare, and walk-in clinics see a rise in customers. We'll watch to see if the ACA has an impact by 2016.*

## PERCEPTIONS ABOUT THE CAUSES OF POVERTY—STATEWIDE RESULTS

### PERCENTAGE BY HOUSEHOLD INCOME

CAUSES OF POVERTY	< \$16,000	RANK	< \$25,000	RANK	> \$35,000	RANK
Lack of training/education	45.0%	1	43.3%	2	54.6%	2
Drug abuse/addiction	26.3%	5	39.1%	3	46.2%	3
Single parent household	27.1%	4	37.0%	4	39.2%	4
Not enough jobs	44.3%	2	36.4%	5	19.6%	5
Disability	24.2%	6	14.4%	7	6.7%	8
Low motivation	33.9%	3	44.9%	1	63.3%	1
Lack of affordable/quality housing	14.5%	8	15.6%	6	8.4%	7
Not enough gov't help	16.3%	7	8.3%	9	5.3%	9
Geographic location	12.3%	9	8.9%	8	9.5%	6

*It appears the better off a respondent is, the more likely they are to blame the victim of poverty for making bad choices (e.g. low motivation-#1, low marriage rates-#4, drug or alcohol use-#3). While the poorer the respondent was they are likely to see other factors for blame for their situation (e.g. not enough jobs 44.3% vs. 19.6%, disability 24.2% vs. 6.7%, not enough government help 16.3% vs. 5.3%). The only area that seems to be shared was lack of training/education. But even that could be assigned by the two groups differently (e.g. cost/availability vs. desire/motivation.)*

BLUE VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP SERVICE AREA RESULTS	SURVEY TOPIC	2013	2010
	HEALTHCARE	<b>TOP 3 HEALTH CARE ISSUES</b>	
		1. 55% of respondents delayed medical care because of cost (State 67%) 2. Access to disability services for adults 3. Access to disability services for children	1. 67% of respondents delayed medical care because of cost (State 67%) 2. Access to disability services for adults 3. Access to mental health care
	HOUSING	<b>TOP 3 BARRIERS TO HOMEOWNERSHIP</b>	
		1. Poor credit 2. Unable to make a down payment 3. Unable to get loan  Housing Cost: 40% vs. Household Income: less than \$25,000 Housing Cost: 33% vs. Household Income: \$35,000-\$45,000 Housing Cost: 18% vs. Household Income: \$60,000-80,000	1. Poor credit 2. Unable to make down payment 3. Unable to get loan  Housing Cost: 53% vs. Household Income: less than \$25,000 Housing Cost: 24% vs. Household Income: \$35,000-\$45,000 Housing Cost: 15% vs. Household Income: \$60,000-80,000
	POVERTY	<b>TOP 3 PERCEPTIONS OF THE CAUSES OF POVERTY</b>	
		<b>Respondents whose household income is less than \$25,000:</b> 1. Drug abuse/addiction 2. Single parent household 3. Not enough jobs  <b>Respondents whose household income is over \$80,000:</b> 1. Low motivation 2. Drug abuse/addiction 3. Lack of training/education	<b>Respondents whose household income is less than \$25,000:</b> 1. Lack of training/education 2. Not enough jobs 3. Low motivation  <b>Respondents whose household income is over \$80,000:</b> 1. Low motivation 2. Lack of training/education 3. Drug abuse/addiction
	CHILDREN & YOUTH	<b>TOP 3 ISSUES &amp; NEEDS FOR CHILDREN</b>	
		1. Cost of childcare – Top Issue 2. Preschool services age 3-5 – Top need 3. Birth-age 3 childhood services – Top need  <b>Top 3 Areas of Concern for Teens</b> 1. Activities: In the summer 2. Activities: On the weekends 3. Activities: After school	1. Cost of childcare – Top issue 2. Preschool services age 3-5– Top need 3. Birth-age 3 childhood services – Top need  <b>Top 3 Areas of Concern for Teens</b> 1. Activities: In the summer 2. Activities: On the weekends 3. Activities: After school
	BASIC NEEDS	<b>TOP 3 BASIC NEEDS IDENTIFIED AS A PROBLEM FOR THE RESPONDENT</b>	
		1. Affordable medical, dental and vision care 2. Paying for utilities 3. Affordable food	1. Affordable medical, dental and vision care 2. Paying for utilities 3. Affordable food
	EMPLOYMENT	<b>TOP 3 BARRIERS PREVENTING ADULTS FROM FINDING EMPLOYMENT</b>	
		1. Lack of available jobs (36%) 2. Health problems/disability (36%) 3. Lack of childcare	1. Lack of available jobs 2. Lack of childcare 3. Health problems/disability
	INCOME & FINANCES	<b>ONE IN FOUR SAID THEY ARE WORSE OFF THAN LAST YEAR.</b>	
		<b>Top Three Income and Finance Behaviors</b> 1. Put money in savings 2. Invested or put money in retirement 3. Followed a budget	<b>Top Three Income and Finance Behaviors</b> 1. Put money in savings 2. Invested or put money in retirement 3. Followed a budget



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### **BVCA's 2012-2013 Assets**

*Beginning of the Year Net Assets:*  
\$6,507,721

*End of the Year Net Assets:*  
\$6,617,968

# Financial Revenues & Expenses

## **PRIVATE REVENUES:**

In-kind Matching Donations	\$802,971.00
Cash Donations	\$132,711.00
United Way Awards	\$24,460.00
Foundation Awards	\$24,002.00
Local Projects	\$63,127.00
Contracts	\$90,754.00
Fees	\$570,016.00
Rents	\$642,127.00
Corporate Investments	\$260,507.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b><u>\$2,610,675.00</u></b>

## **FEDERAL DIRECT:**

USDA CSFP Commodities Value	\$237,247.00
CNCS Foster Grandparents	\$274,972.00
HHS Head Start	\$1,852,648.00
HHS Early Head Start	\$1,131,271.00
HUD Supportive Housing	\$196,134.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b><u>\$3,692,272.00</u></b>

## **STATE REVENUES:**

NE Housing Trust Fund (HTF) Regional Rehab	\$298,677.00
NE HTF Home Ownership Program	\$27,165.00
NE Affordable Housing Trust Fund	\$291,966.00
NE Homeless Assistance Trust Fund	\$13,526.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b><u>\$631,334.00</u></b>

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT:**

County Support	\$65,034.00
Juvenile Services Aid	\$5,030.00
Immunization Donations	720.00
FYI Donations	\$15,000.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b><u>\$85,784.00</u></b>

## **FEDERAL VIA STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT:**

<i>HHS via:</i>	
Region V Systems	\$19,924.00
Region V SPF-SIG	\$4,149.00
DHHS Minority Health	\$45,280.00
DHHS Immunization Action	\$28,834.00
DHHS CSBG	\$279,471.00
DHHS LIHEAP	\$1,320.00
DHHS/NEO Weatherization LIHEAP	\$298,586.00
DHHS ITQI	\$19,606.00
NDE Early Childhood Initiative	\$29,366.00

<i>SSA via:</i>	
DHHS Soar	\$39,913.00

<i>DOE via:</i>	
NEO Weatherization	\$103,278.00

<i>USDA via:</i>	
NDE Childhood & Adult Food	\$121,686.00
DHHS WIC	\$775,191.00
DHHS CSFP (except for commodities)	\$104,841.00

<i>HUD via:</i>	
DED Emergency Shelter Grant Program	\$181,591.00
DED CHDO Operating Funds	\$30,053.00

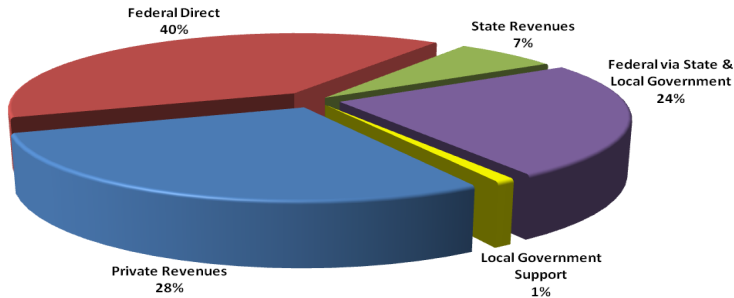
<i>DOT via:</i>	
NDoR Fillmore County Rural Transit	\$75,341.00

<i>CNCS via:</i>	
ServeNebraska	\$93,873.00

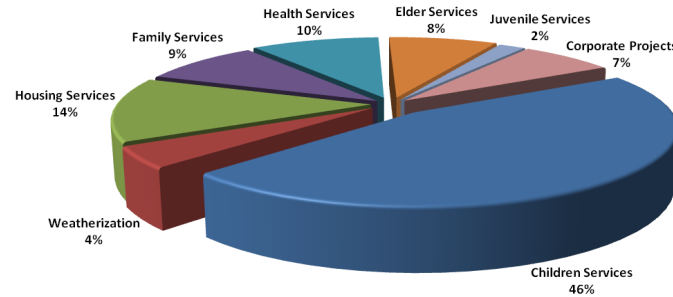
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b><u>\$2,252,303.00</u></b>
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**BVCA'S FY 2013 TOTAL REVENUES:  
\$9,272,368**



**BVCA'S FY 2013 TOTAL EXPENSES:  
\$9,162,121**



**BVCA PARTNERSHIP ACTS AS THE GENERAL PARTNER IN FOUR LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS WITH PRIVATE INVESTORS. (SEE CHART BELOW.)**

REAL ESTATE LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS*	Income	Assets
Prairie Woods CROWN, Ltd., York & Geneva	\$79,582	\$1,101,552
Blue Terrace CROWN, Ltd., Crete	\$88,067	\$1,546,189
Sunset CROWN, Ltd., Beatrice	\$95,439	\$1,018,640
York CROWN, Ltd., York	\$75,329	\$1,323,824
<i>*Not included in BVCA audit, as each is a separate company.</i>	\$338,417	\$4,990,205

**BVCA PARTNERSHIP LEVERAGE**

- BVCA's core funding is the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). \$279,471 was granted last year, which is 3% of BVCA's budget. For every dollar of CSBG, over \$33.18 was leveraged.
- For every \$1.00 of county support, BVCA leveraged \$142.58 of support from outside sources.
- \$20,885 of gaming revenue was generated.
- Volunteers donated 47,461.5 hours which relieved the organization of the need to raise \$608,105 additional dollars or hiring 30 FTE's for each month of the fiscal year.
- Value of contributions of clothing and other goods to thrift stores totaled \$1,759,109.



***DID YOU KNOW...***

*In 1966, BVCA began with a Head Start Grant and a Community Action Grant totaling \$28,000. Assets totaled \$0.00.*



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# BVCA Partnership Offices

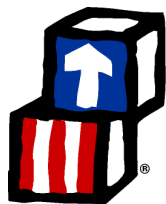
## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES OF BVCA PARTNERSHIP

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WEBSITE: [www.bvca.net](http://www.bvca.net) E-MAIL: [changinglives@bvca.net](mailto:changinglives@bvca.net)

## CHILDREN SERVICES FIELD OFFICES



### FILLMORE COUNTY HEAD START 0-5

1600 "I" STREET

GENEVA NE 68361

PHONE: (402) 759-3699

fillmorehs@bvca.net

### GAGE COUNTY HEAD START 3-5

WYMORE CENTER

517 NORTH 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET

WYMORE NE 68466

PHONE: (402) 645-3441

wymorehs@bvca.net

### RIISING STARS PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

THAYER COUNTY 3-5

335 EADS AVENUE

HEBRON NE 68370

PHONE: (402) 768-6727

thayerhs@bvca.net

### GAGE COUNTY HEAD START 0-5

BEATRICE CENTER

BEATRICE COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

5109 WEST SCOTT RD., SUITE 412

BEATRICE NE 68310

HEAD START:

PHONE: (402) 223-6035

beatricehs@bvca.net

Early Head Start:

PHONE: (402) 223-6056

beatriceehs@bvca.net

### SEWARD COUNTY HEAD START 3-5

459 SOUTH 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET, P.O. BOX 53

SEWARD NE 68434

PHONE: (402) 643-6272

sewardhs@bvca.net

### PRESCHOOL ACADEMY OF YORK P.L.A.Y.

YORK COUNTY 0-5

225 WEST 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET

YORK NE 68467

PHONE: (402) 362-4299

yorkhs@bvca.net

### SALINE COUNTY HEAD START 0-5

Head Start:

325 EAST 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET

CRETE NE 68333

PHONE: (402) 826-5221

salinehs@bvca.net

Early Head Start:

1540 Grove Street, P.O. Box 352

Crete NE 68333

PHONE: (402) 381-0057

salineehs@bvca.net

### STEP AHEAD EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

JEFFERSON COUNTY 0-5

1303 "B" STREET, P.O. BOX 403

FAIRBURY NE 68352

PHONE: (402) 729-2161

jeffersonhs@bvca.net

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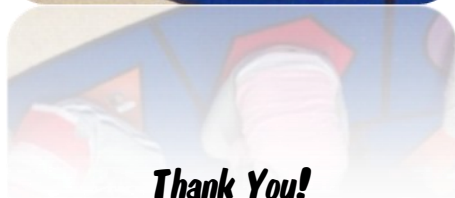
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