



BLUE VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP | 2014 Annual Report

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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.



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A Message from BVCA

Welcome to this year's Annual Report of Blue Valley Community Action Partnership. This covers the year ending September 2014 (the fiscal year for our organization). As you read this, we will already be in our 49th year getting ready for a celebration October 1, 2015 for the beginning of our 50th year helping the communities, counties, families and individuals of our service area.

While we are proud of our accomplishments, we cannot help but feel concerned over the decline in revenues of many publicly supported programs. While individual contributions continue to rise and church sponsorships continue to increase, many government cutbacks are beginning to show themselves in the number of individuals who are able to be assisted by our diverse programming.

As you review this report, I ask you to place yourself in the shoes of those we have helped, many who have had their lives changed. In doing so, you may realize how they felt having to come to us in the first place to seek help, how the weight of that burden was suddenly lifted from them as they found a caring, respectful individual listening to their cries for help (sometime literally cries), and responding with whatever help and assistance we could give to get them back on a road of self-sufficiency and a less stressful living situation.

We cannot solve all problems of all people, far from it. We can, however, do what is right by listening with respect to their often tragic situations, offering comfort and a little hope. Our private donations are most often used for the emergencies of those who walk-in. We work with county governments, churches, and other community groups and agencies to maximize resources for services and collaborate so as to avoid duplication or waste. We know of no community group or agency which has so many financial assets that they can afford to be wasteful or competitive. As a "community action" organization with "partnership" in our name, we try our best to bring the entire community together to resolve urgent community needs and the needs of those with the toughest roads to travel. We hope you will help us help them travel that road more gently.

We encourage you to read our annual report, then decide to pitch in to help out. Your involvement is the best solution; your financial support is also helpful. Our best result would be getting everyone involved to come to a common effort to improve rural Nebraska for any and all who wish to live here.

**For more information on how to get involved or to make a donation,
please visit our website at www.bvca.net.**



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Board President
2015*



*Richard Nation
Chief Executive Officer
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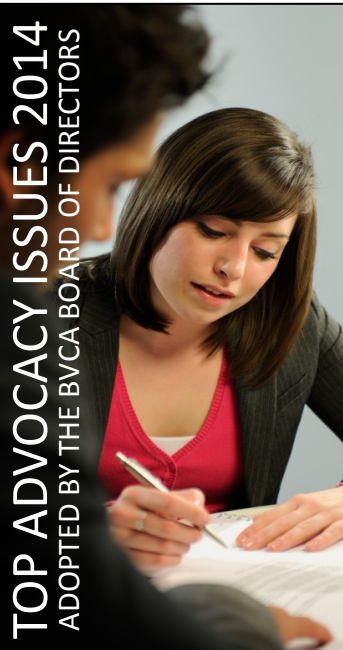
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TOP ADVOCACY ISSUES 2014
ADOPTED BY THE BVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



- Promote job creation programs, policies and legislation.
- Support public education regarding discrimination against the poor.
- Support public policy to reduce the widening gap between the rich and the poor.
- Promote a living wage and minimum wage increases.
- Support a streamlined process toward becoming a U.S. Citizen.
- Support multi-year federal budgeting, similar to state two-year cycle.
- Promote broader coverage of residents by human service programs by broadening the eligibility criteria without adversely affecting those receiving benefits.
- Oppose limitations on healthcare, whether it is pre-existing conditions, denial of benefits, reductions of benefits, restrictions on prevention, or excessive cost increases.
- Resist major legislative cuts in programs that impact the poor and the organization.
- Promote rural equity in human service opportunities.
- 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.



Our Mission

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



BVCA's Board of Directors reviewed various needs assessments and strategized at our 2014 Board Retreat. Pictured (l-r) Tony Krafka, Willis Luedke, Terry Keslar and John Milligan.



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.

Client Data

FY 2014

*During FY 2014
BVCA Partnership served
9,746 individuals.*

Employment

55% of households are employed.
(includes part & full-time employment)
19% of households are unemployed.
26% 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 2.00.

Family Size:

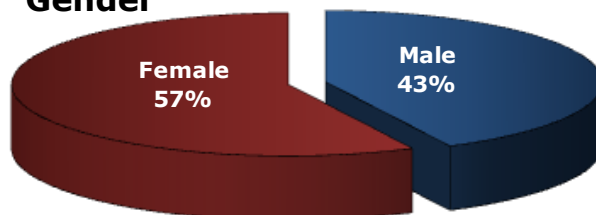
43% One Person
21% Two Persons
13% Three Persons
10% Four Persons
7% Five Persons
4% Six Persons
1% Seven Persons
1% Eight or More Persons

Household Types:

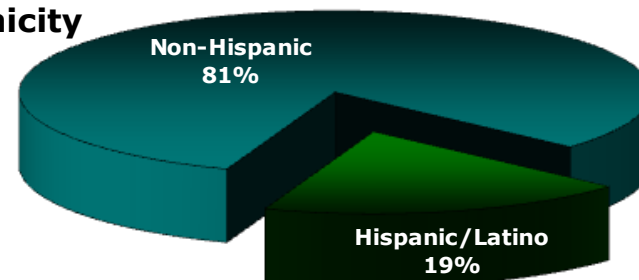
27% Two Parents
23% Single Parent
9% Couple, No Children
35% Single Persons
6% Other



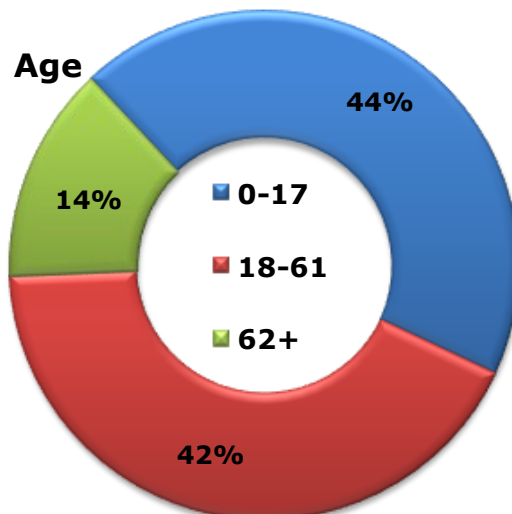
Gender



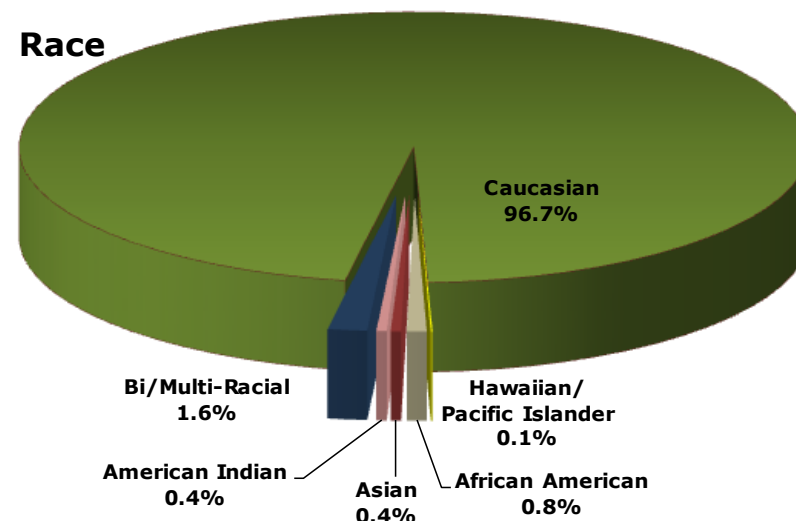
Ethnicity



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%	20%
51%-75%	15%	126%-200%	15%
76%-100%	22%	200% or higher	2%
	63%		37%

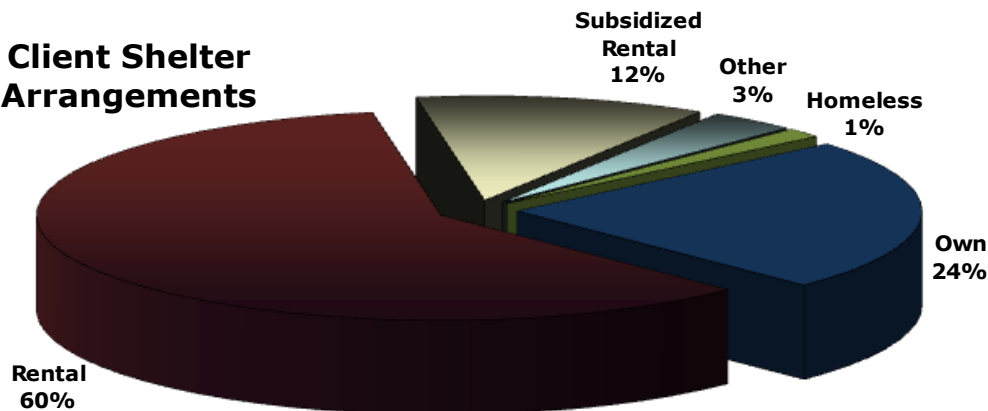
What does it mean in real dollars for a family of four?

- * 50% of poverty is \$12,125 gross
- * 100% of poverty is \$24,250 gross
- * 125% of poverty is \$30,310 gross

Current minimum wage is \$8.00 per hour or \$16,640 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.



Client Shelter Arrangements

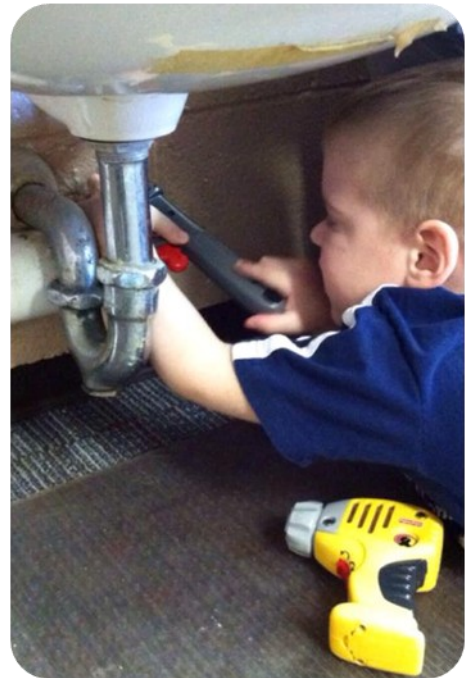


Education

3%	College/Tech Graduates
10%	High School Graduates with Some College
25%	High School Graduates/GED
13%	Non-graduating Adults
25%	Current K-12 Students
24%	Preschool and Younger

Insurance

	% of Clients	Change From FY 2013
SCHIP-Children's Health Insurance Pool	27.31%	-28%
Medicaid	20.04%	+115%
Medicare	4.75%	+13%
Medicare & Medicaid	6.28%	+14%
Medicare, Medicaid & Private	73.78%	+15%
Native American Health	0%	NO CHANGE
Veterans Administration	1.42%	+42%
Private Coverage	11.86%	+3%
No Insurance	24.56%	-10%



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.

Programs—A Year In Review

FY 2014

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Available: All BVCA Counties

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

- Number of individuals receiving emergency assistance:
 - * Rent: 355
 - * Utility: 796
 - * Shelter: 137
 - * Medical Care: 12
 - * Transportation: 54
 - * Clothing: 107
- Unduplicated number for all these services total 1,217 individuals in 788 households.

PROJECT FIRST (FAMILIES IN RESIDENCE WITH SUPPORT IN TRANSITION)

Availability: All BVCA 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.

- 20 families with 56 family members (24 adults and 32 children) were served.
- Of the persons entering FIRST during the year:
 - * 12 came from emergency shelter.
 - * 6 were living with family or friends.
 - * 2 were living in an unsubsidized rental.
 - * 4 came from a transitional housing program.
- Program goal results included:
 - * 9 of 12 adults who exited had the same or more income at time of exit compared to time of entry.
 - * 3 of 6 individuals that currently remain on the program had the same or more income compared to time of entry.
 - * 28 of 28 individuals who exited the program remained in permanent housing.
 - * 11 of 14 households with debt of \$49,348 reduced it by \$16,238 (32.9%).
 - * 71% of households contributed to their savings account.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES

Available: All BVCA Counties

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

- 4,803 information and referral services were provided.



"I like Project FIRST because they help single parents like myself to get ready for the 'real world'."

—Project FIRST Client

"I started to keep better track of my spending habits. It has helped a lot to know where I spend too much money."

—BVCA Client

FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Available: All BVCA Counties

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

- 2,744 individuals/1,069 households received food assistance.
- 11,299 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 2014, BVCA spent \$15,865 on additional items.
- In addition, Walmart donated 487,519 pounds of food including bakery items, 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.



Food Pantry donations collected by students from the FYI Center.

COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM (CSFP)

Available: All BVCA Counties as well as Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee and Richardson Counties—Permanent distribution sites at David City, Fairbury, York, Hebron, Beatrice, & Humboldt; Tailgate distribution sites at Crete and Wilber.

Government purchased food commodities are distributed to eligible individuals age 60 or older to foster good health and nutrition. Food packages focus on supplementing the diets of seniors with protein, iron, calcium, vitamin A and vitamin C. Products included in the food package are canned fruits and vegetables, bottled juices, peanut butter or dried beans, cheese, shelf-stable and non-fat dry milk, hot and cold cereals, pasta, rice and canned meat.

Previously, some women and children were eligible for CSFP, but due to Congress changing the Farm Bill, they are no longer able to apply. The women and children who were enrolled in CSFP as of February 6, 2014 (the effective date of change) are able to stay on the program until they are no longer age eligible according to the previous age guidelines. As of September 30, 2014, twenty-five children and zero women are still enrolled in BVCA's CSFP program.



AmeriCorps Members helping CSFP Staff pack food boxes for an upcoming clinic.

- During FY 2014, a total of 1,274 individuals were enrolled:
 - * 2 expecting women
 - * 31 postpartum women
 - * 95 children
 - * 1,146 elderly individuals
- A total of 11,251 monthly food packages were distributed.
- USDA value of food distributed through BVCA: \$229,910/year or \$19,159/month
- Retail value of food distributed through BVCA: \$390,966/year or \$32,581/month
- Average retail value of food given each participant per month: \$34.75



"We couldn't be more thankful for all the help and support through these rough times."

—BVCA Client

"Thank you for all you do for the people in our community."

—BVCA Client



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

—BVCA Client

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

—Income Tax Preparation Client

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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.

- 107 individuals received free clothing.
- Through the "Sewing for Babies" initiative, 3,720 pieces of clothing were given to newborns enrolled in WIC.

COMPASSIONATE PROJECTS

Available: All BVCA Counties

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

- 154 children received school supplies.
- 775 individuals participated in various holiday events.
- 116 fans were distributed for the Department of Health & Human Services.
- 229 children participated in "Ready, Set, Go". This program helps kids get ready for school by providing school supplies and various health screenings.
- 51 children participated in the Family and Youth Involvement (FYI) Center's Project Santa, and 208 family members of youth received gifts. The approximate value of Project Santa donated gifts totaled \$1,040.

SSI/SSDI OUTREACH, ACCESS & RECOVERY (SOAR)

Availability: All BVCA Counties as well as Saunders, Lancaster, Adams, Clay, Nuckolls, Webster, Nemaha, Cass, Otoe, Johnson, Pawnee and Richardson Counties.

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

- 9 applications filed; 1 homeless with an average length of time of homelessness of 12 months; 2 applications approved for SSI/SSDI and 2 denied; 49 days average to initial decision.
- 4 appeals filed; 0 approved and 1 denied; 45 days to appeal decision.

PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT

Available: All BVCA Counties

Bundled employment preparation and placement opportunities.

- 96 individuals were unemployed and got a job.
- 32 obtained skills/competencies required for employment.
- 3 employees were assisted in starting their own business.

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 2014	Forever
Boardings	5,915	193,457
Days of Service	249	7,976
Miles Traveled	19,563	880,079
Average Monthly Elderly Ridership	261	
Average Monthly Non-elderly Ridership	223	
ONE WAY TRIPS		
Shopping	543	Education 624
Medical	651	Nutrition 396
Employment	82	Return Trips 3,618
Social/Recreation	1	
TOTAL: 5,915		



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.

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.

- 6 participants were enrolled towards purchasing a home.
- 6 participants were enrolled towards education assistance.
- 1 participant was enrolled towards starting a business.

INCOME TAX RETURN PREPARATION

Available: All BVCA Counties

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

- 74 participants received \$112,755 in returns.



A scholarship recipient writes...

"I am so very excited to have been chosen as a scholarship recipient! Thank you for providing me the opportunity to continue working toward my Bachelor's degree. This is only one of the many ways in which BVCA has enriched my life in the past few years. I believe I am proof that BVCA's slogan 'Helping People. Changing Lives.' is a reality! Thank you for all you do!"

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SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES (SSVF)

Available: All BVCA Counties

The goal of 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.

- 38 individuals (25 adults and 13 children) were assisted.
- 10 were homeless; 60.6% of temporary financial assistance (rent, utilities, deposits, etc.)
- 8 were at-risk of becoming homeless; 39.4% of temporary financial assistance (rent, utilities, deposits, etc.)
- 17 were screened but were not eligible for services.

SUCCESS STORY...

W.R. was a homeless, single, male veteran. He contacted SSVF in February and was living in his car. He had a part-time job at a truck stop where he showered, but was struggling finding a place to rent. He has a criminal background which was hindering finding an apartment. The Veteran and SSVF Case Coordinator worked together and found an apartment, which needed some repairs (shower head missing, hole in drywall in kitchen) as well as painting due to previous occupants writing obscene things on the walls. The Case Coordinator talked with the landlord and explained what the SSVF program was all about. The Case Coordinator explained that these things would need to be repaired before W.R. could move in. The landlord knew the apartment needed some work, but was having a hard time finding someone to fix it up. W.R. told the landlord that if the materials were provided, he would be willing to do the repairs and paint the apartment. The Case Coordinator and the landlord agreed. W.R. moved in that day so he could get out of his car. The landlord told him that in one of the vacant apartments was some furniture and that he was welcome to take and use whatever he could. The Case Coordinator went to check on the apartment one week later. The landlord had provided the needed items and W.R. had repaired everything and painted the apartment. The landlord was so pleased that he hired W.R. to work on a few more of the apartments in the complex. Later, W.R. was given keys and became the manager of the eight apartments.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Competition is open to individuals in all BVCA 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 2013-2014 school year were Alyssa Hakl of York and Tracy Phillips of Seward. Recipient of the \$500 BVCA Partnership Vocational Scholarship for the 2013-2014 school year was Shelby Bell of Exeter.

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.

- 206 individuals/63 households in lease-to-own homes.
- 310 individuals/164 households in rental units.

CROWN LEASE-TO-OWN SUCCESS STORY...

Paige needed a stable home for her and her daughter. They were living in a camper at a park and winter was coming. Their camper was not equipped to keep them warm through the rough Nebraska winters and provided tight living quarters. After seeing an advertisement in the local newspaper, which listed a Lease-to-Own CROWN Program home, she called BVCA and asked for help. BVCA had the perfect place. The rent was very affordable, it had three bedrooms, central heat and air, an attached garage and a large yard. The CROWN Program offered them a nice home as well as affordable rent and services that would help them achieve home ownership. They moved in the fall and are very happy with their new home.

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.

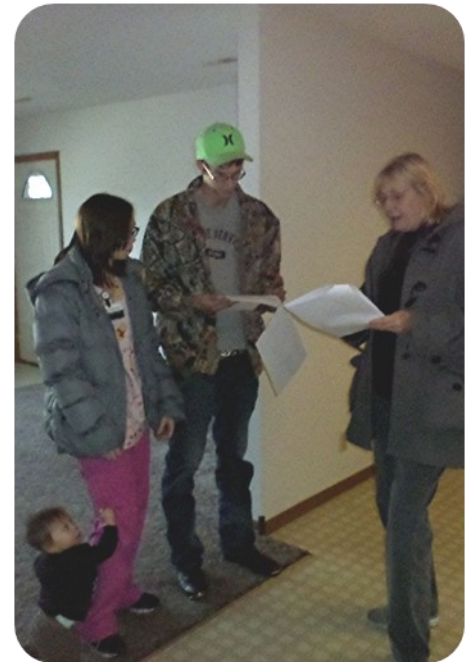
- 9 individuals participated in the RentWise curriculum.

LEASE PURCHASE PROGRAM

Available: All BVCA 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.

- There were no new enrollees as there was no FY 2014 funding for the program. The two current tenants/buyers have not yet purchased the homes.



"Thanks to taking RentWise, I now know how to start budgeting my money."

—Housing Client

"My family is on a schedule and more stable than we have ever been."

—BVCA Client



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HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (HOP)

Available: All BVCA 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.

- 11 individuals/5 households were assisted in purchasing their own home—leveraging \$366,800 privately with \$51,000 in down-payment assistance.
- 4 First-Time Homebuyer Education classes in combination with the online course, ehomeamerica.org, were provided to 47 individuals.

DID YOU KNOW...

According to the 2014 American Bankers Association Lending Real Estate Survey, the percentage of single family mortgage loans made to first time homebuyers increased from 11 percent in 2012 to 13 percent in 2013, the highest percentage since 2007.

"I'm very happy with BVCA's services. Without down payment assistance, I would not have been able to buy my home. I was also very impressed with how I was treated by the staff."

—HOP Client

"We have never had to ask for help before. BVCA's Weatherization is wonderful. Your crew is the best—nice guys and hard workers! Thank you and God bless you all."

—Weatherization Client

WEATHERIZATION

Available: All BVCA 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 67 individuals in 42 households.
- 9 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 BVCA 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.
- According to the 2014 Housing Study by Nebraska Investment Finance Authority, there are 7,805 single-family homes built prior to 1930 located in BVCA's nine county service area. Of those homes, 24% are in poor condition and in need of repair.

SUCCESS STORY...

Dina's home was built in 1900 and it was falling apart, but she loved it and did not want to move. She was in desperate need of a furnace. She always burned wood for heat in the winter, but she was getting older and it was harder for her to bring the wood inside. Her windows were deteriorating, she had never had gutters on the home, and the electrical lines were old and needed to be upgraded. The walkways to the home had crumbled and became a tripping hazard. Unfortunately, she was on a fixed income and did not have the funds to repair everything. Dina applied for the Owner-Occupied Rehab program and was approved. A new efficient electrical furnace was installed. All of her windows were replaced with new vinyl windows. Gutters were installed and a new electrical box and electrical lines were installed. The old walkways were replaced. Dina called and stated she is enjoying the furnace and not having to go outside in the cold to gather wood for a fire. She loves her windows and everything else BVCA's rehab did for her home.



"I was very impressed with work the contractor did on the inside of my home. I would recommend the program to others."

—Owner-Occupied Rehab Client



"Your work is a dedication of many people."

—BVCA Client

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.

- 1,437 individuals:
 - * 356 women
 - * 836 children
 - * 245 infants
- 980 referrals to other services were given.

DID YOU KNOW...

BVCA expanded the WIC Program into Butler and Polk Counties. The new clinic opened February 3, 2014 and provides services one day a month at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Osceola.



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.

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.

- 326 individuals received a total of 1,026 immunizations
 - * 317 infants and children received immunizations
 - * 9 adults received immunizations
 - * 143 were Non-Hispanic and 183 were Hispanic

DID YOU KNOW...

On June 1, 2014, BVCA received certification to provide and bill for immunizations to private insured and Medicaid customers.

YORK PARTNERSHIP FOR REDUCING DISPARITIES

Available: York County

Provides case management for pregnant and post-partum Hispanic women and their families in York County. Provides support with interpretation at WIC Clinics, interpreting and transportation for medical appointments as needed, and assistance with application and or referral for other community resources.

- 34 pregnant and post-partum women received case management.
- 5 health education classes were held with 42 teens and adult women in attendance.
- 6 women were provided transportation for medical services.

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.

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

DIVERSITY EDUCATION

Available: All BVCA 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.

- Danna Bacon, Nebraska Department of Health Disparities & Health Equity Community Health Educator, presented “People are People are People: Increasing Your Cultural Intelligence” to 93 BVCA staff and 6 community members.

NAVIGATORS/ASSISTERS

Available: All BVCA Counties

Local staff assist families, individuals and small businesses enrolling in health insurance under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). 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.

- 9 BVCA staff have received certification to serve as ACA Marketplace Navigators/Assisters.



BVCA's bilingual staff provided 672 interpreting sessions for clients for health related services.



"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!"

—Head Start Parent



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HEAD START 0-5

Available: Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Saline, Seward, Thayer & York Counties

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.

- A total of 339 families received Head Start 0-5 services in 2013-2014.
- Head Start:
 - * 265 children/242 families/1,029 family members were enrolled.
 - * Waitlist totaled 153 on first day of school and 166 on last day of school.
 - * 246 health exams were provided.
 - * 201 dental screenings were provided.
 - * 231 were immunized.
- Early Head Start:
 - * 122 children/97 families/387 total family members were enrolled.
 - * 10 pregnant women were served.
 - * Waitlist totaled 219 on first day and 254 on last day.
 - * 102 health exams were provided.
 - * 53 dental screenings were provided.
 - * 111 were immunized.

AGES	
Prenatal	10
under age 1	40
1 year old	30
2 years old	47
3 years old	113
4 years old	142
5 years old	5
TOTAL	387

- 30,553 meals and 20,401 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. Fluoride varnish treatments, iodine treatments, and informational pamphlets and educational resources were provided to children who participated.
- Deshler Head Start was closed in 2014 due to a decreasing population resulting in a decreased number of children needing 3-5 preschool services. Preschool services are available through Deshler Public School.
- The following five areas were the most identified areas of need for families and areas in which services were received either through Blue Valley Community Action or another service agency.

1. Parenting Education	250 families
2. Health Education	250 families
3. Emergency/crisis intervention	121 families
4. Mental Health Services	34 families
5. Housing Assistance	23 families



EARLY CHILDHOOD COLLABORATION

Available: Beatrice, Crete, Fairbury, Hebron, Wymore & 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 program increases opportunities for at-risk children to participate in early childhood education programs 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.

- 432 children, in addition to the 239 Head Start children, receive services in these communities because of these collaborations.

INFANT/TODDLER QUALITY INITIATIVE PROGRAM

Available: Gage, Saline & Jefferson Counties

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 12 providers during FY 2014: 4 home providers from Saline County, 5 homes and 1 center (2 rooms) from Gage County and 1 center (2 rooms) from Jefferson County.



Seven Family Outcomes

- Family Well-Being
- Positive Parent-Child Relationships
- Families as Lifelong Educators
- Families as Learners
- Family Engagement in Transitions
- Families as Advocates and Leaders
- Family Connections to Peers and Community



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.

- 74 children were provided with safe and affordable childcare.
- 178 children were provided with preschool.
- 15 families have more than one child enrolled at the center.
- 42,897 meals and 18,856 snacks were provided.
- The center is open 71.5 hours per week to accommodate the needs of working parents.

FAMILY AND YOUTH INVOLVEMENT CENTER (FYI)

Available: Jefferson County and Surrounding Areas

Provides a safe and supervised environment during afterschool 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.



- 248 children attended the center at least once during FY 2014.
- 79 children received homework assistance.
- 92 children were involved in community betterment activities via the President's Volunteer Service Award.
- 3 children were referred from school officials for issues in class such as behavioral problems and drop-out/throw-outs.
- 9 students completed Pre-Trial Juvenile Diversion.
- FYI's "Feed Your Neighbor" project collected 245 pounds of canned food for the BVCA's Food Pantry.
- FYI's signature event is "Project Santa". A total of 51 youth participated, 208 gifts were wrapped.

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. Members may serve full-time or less than full-time over a period not to exceed 12 months. Individuals may serve as AmeriCorps members in every BVCA department and in every county BVCA serves.

Currently members serve youth in the following programmatic areas: Higher Education Exploration; Scholarship Search Assistance; College Matriculation; Homework Assistance; Mentoring; Alcohol & Substance Abuse Prevention; President's Volunteer Service Award; President's Fitness Challenge; Computer Literacy; Arts and Crafts; and Sports and Fitness.

Agency-wide Support Includes: Pre-Trial Juvenile Diversion; Parent/Educator 40 Developmental Asset Support and Trainings; Financial Literacy; RentWise; Emergency Clothing, Housing and Food Assistance; and Project Everlast, Opportunity Passport and Bridges to Independence.

- 12 individuals were enrolled as AmeriCorps Members during FY2014.



"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."

—Parent of FYI Student





PROJECT EVERLAST

Available: All BVCA Counties as well as Nuckolls and Clay Counties.

Project Everlast is a youth-led initiative committed to providing resources, connections and support to young adults as they age out of foster care. This program helps to ensure a smooth transition from foster care to adulthood. The goal is to empower foster youth to build successful lives as independent adults.

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AMERICORPS VISTA

Available: All Counties

VISTA members make a year-long, full-time commitment to serve on a specific project. In return for their service, AmeriCorps VISTA members receive a modest living allowance that is determined by poverty guidelines set in each county and health benefits during their service, and VISTAs have the option of receiving a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award or post-service stipend after completing their service.

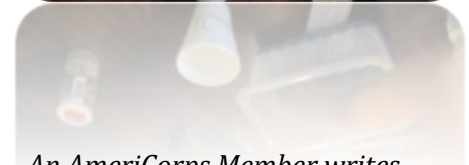
VISTA members focus their efforts on building the organizational, administrative, and financial capacity of organizations that fight illiteracy, improve health services, foster economic develop, and otherwise assist low-income communities.

BVCA has two VISTA projects:

- Rural Youth Development VISTA project which supports the 40 Developmental Asset framework in Jefferson County and is building support and sustainability for the FYI Center.
- Veterans Support Corps VISTA is a multi-state national program with other Community Action Agencies in Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa. The VSC is the first multi-state VISTA program in Nebraska and builds the capacity of Community Action Agencies to target Veterans in need of services.

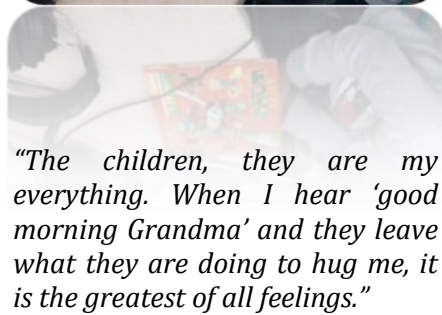


Blue Valley Community Action Partnership is proud to have been one of the first employers to join the Employers of National Service initiative. Employers of National Service highlights the talents of AmeriCorps and Peace Corps alumni and connects them with employers that recognize their unique skills. BVCA's Collena Laschanzky and Richard Nation (pictured left) attended the kick-off ceremony. Pictured on the right is Wendy Spencer, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service, and Nebraska's First Lady Sally Ganem.



An AmeriCorps Member writes...

"I would like to thank BVCA and all of the people I serve with for helping me discover more about myself and the possibilities in life. You have had an impact on my life and it couldn't be a better one. My life has been bumpy and I used to get into trouble frequently, but I wised up. The people I serve with have helped me make the transition in society as a better citizen."



"The children, they are my everything. When I hear 'good morning Grandma' and they leave what they are doing to hug me, it is the greatest of all feelings."

—Foster Grandma

*A Public School Teacher writes...
"Grandma Ruth was a positive influence on several students in my room. Kids showed growth in reading, phonics, spelling and math. The one-on-one help made the children feel good about themselves and positive about school. The class always looks forward to Grandma Ruth joining our class. She's a real asset to student learning."*

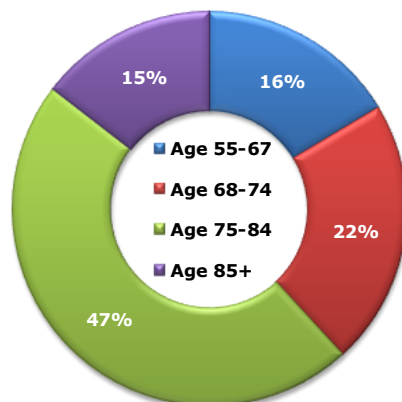
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FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

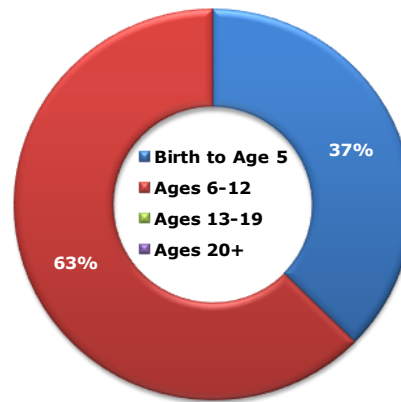
Available: Fillmore, Jefferson, Gage, Saline, Seward, Thayer, York, Otoe, Johnson, Pawnee, Nemaha & Richardson Counties
Persons who are 55 years and older, in relatively good health, and love children volunteer at least 15 hours per week at various sites during the day to give supportive one-on-one service to children who have special needs.

- 53 Grandmas and 2 Grandpas volunteered as Foster Grandparents.
- 97% of children in the mentoring/tutoring program improved academics.
- 57.33% of children demonstrated gains in social and/or emotional development.

Age of Grandparents



Age of Children Served



Special Needs	Children
Abused/Neglected Children	6
Development Disabilities	17
Emotional Disabilities	11
Hearing Impaired	1
Language Barriers	11
Learning Disabilities	31
Physical Disabilities	0
Significantly Medically Impaired	1
Visually Impaired	1
Teen Pregnancy/Teen Parenting	1
Substance Abuse	0



FRIENDS OF BLUE VALLEY

Available: All BVCA 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 also participates in fundraising activities and other special events.

- 696 individuals volunteered in BVCA's centers, events and classrooms.
- 44,524 hours were donated by volunteers.
- The value of hours donated totaled \$1,202,651.
- Private cash donations totaled \$148,639.
- Our 2nd Annual Duck 'N' Run fundraising campaign raised \$6,650.
- 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. Their contributions added \$105,533.
 - * \$66,796 of donations were received in the form of food, clothing and other miscellaneous items.
 - * Faith based cash donations totaled \$38,737.

DID YOU KNOW...

- 82 of our volunteers donated from 100-500 hours!
- 13 of our volunteers donated 500-1000 hours!
- 6 of our volunteers donated over 1000 hours!



BVCA VOLUNTEER HONORED WITH NATIONAL AWARD



Ellen Simon was recognized by the Community Action Partnership national association as the 2014 recipient of the "Jayne Thomas Grassroots Volunteer Recognition Award" for her work with BVCA Partnership in York. This award is given to individuals who have shown outstanding dedication and made extraordinary contributions to a Community Action Agency. Ellen was honored on August 22 during the Partnership's 50th Anniversary Annual Convention in Washington, DC, where many Community Action organizations gathered for training sessions, presentations, award ceremonies and celebrations.

Ellen is pictured above receiving the award from Mark Shriver, Sergeant Shriver's son, and Tom Tenorio, Interim CEO/Board Chair for Community Action Partnership.



Get Involved!

Visit www.bvca.net and click on "Get Involved" to find out how you can make a difference in your community!



2014 CCAPs

Congratulations to Ryan Bailey (right) and Sonja Workman (left) for earning their CCAP Certification!

BVCA CCAPs

(Certified Community Action Professional)

Ardith Hoins, FCS Director
Kim Vicars, Housing Director
Janie Fralin, Health Services Director
Ryan Bailey, FCS Manager
Sonja Workman, FGP Director

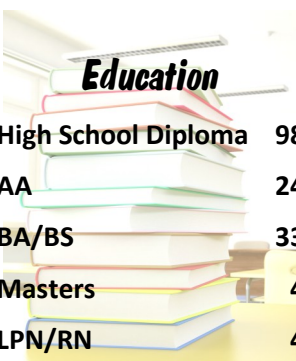
Staff Stats

FY 2014

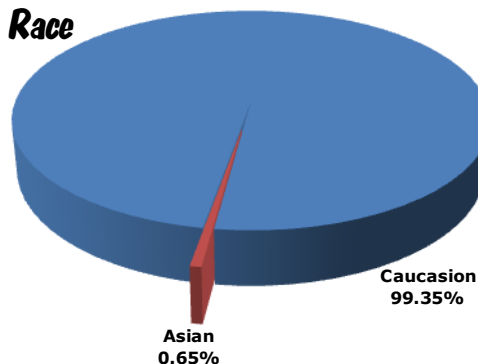
Employment Status

BVCA Partnership employed a total of 162 individuals over the past fiscal year.

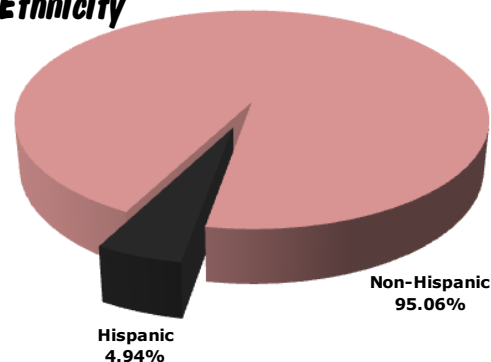
- 121 full-time, 25 part-time, and 16 on-call



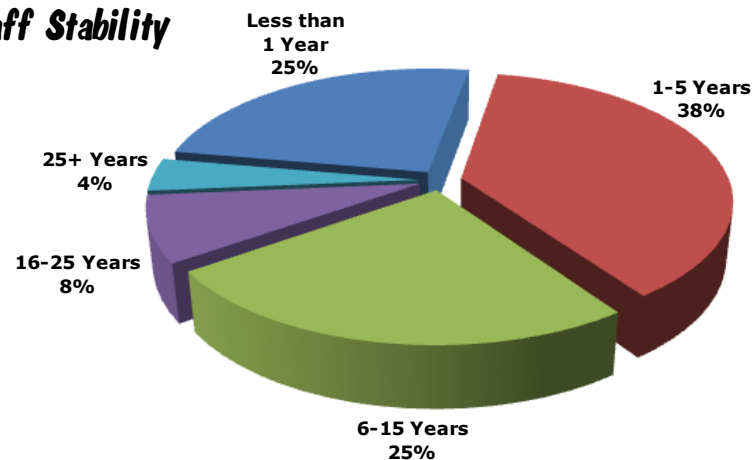
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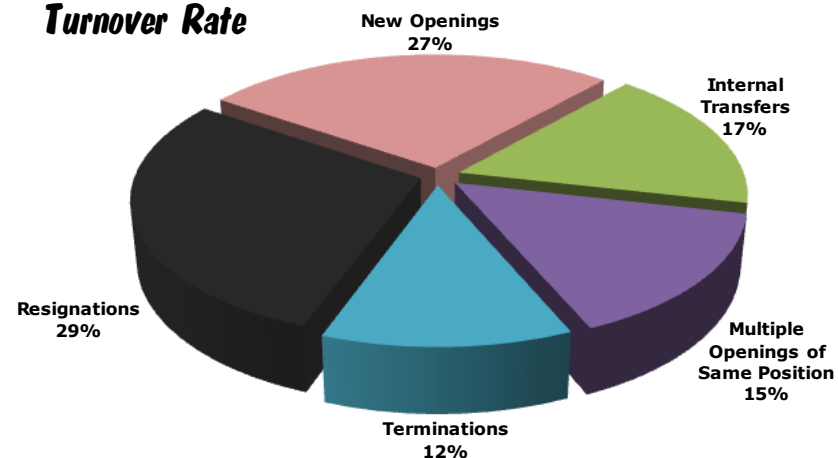
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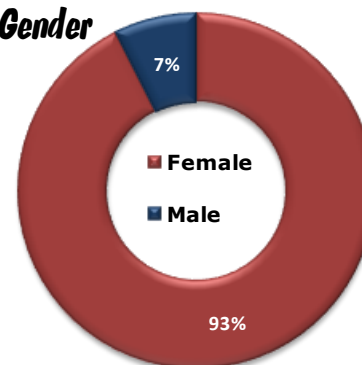
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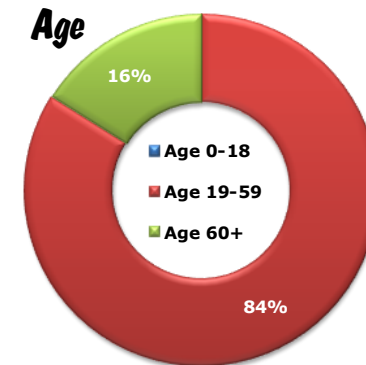
Turnover Rate



Gender



Age



BVCA's Contributions

In preparing for our 50th Anniversary, BVCA began looking back over the years. Below were just some of the more visible contributions the organization has made with help from many partners and funders. Most of our accomplishments are not so visible, but helped change the lives of many individuals and families.

Community and Economic Development in the Blue River Basin:*

Obtained a major grant to help build a Community Building in the City Park in Fairbury NE ▪ Built 9 housing units in Wymore NE ▪ Obtained funding to build, with our partners, the Blue River Family Center in Crete NE ▪ Built 22 housing units in York NE ▪ Obtained funding to build a senior center in Polk NE ▪ Opened a large child care center in Crete NE ▪ Obtained funds to help build a water tower in Ohioa NE ▪ Initial sponsor of Big Brothers and Big Sisters in Southeast NE ▪ Organized a farmers market in Fairbury NE ▪ Built 35 housing units in Crete NE ▪ Obtained major private funding for assisting with the Fairbury NE Library addition ▪ Built 8 housing units in Hebron NE ▪ Opened a used furniture store in York NE ▪ Saved 4 subsidized moderate income housing for seniors in Bellwood NE ▪ Built 55 housing units in Beatrice NE ▪ Opened a second hand clothing store in York NE ▪ Initiated a housing rehabilitation program in Steele City NE ▪ Built 2 housing units in Exeter NE ▪ Successfully advocated for statewide domestic violence network ▪ Saved 4 subsidized moderate income housing for seniors in Rising City NE ▪ Organized a farmers market in David City NE ▪ Opened a second hand clothing store in Geneva NE ▪ Saved oldest Foster Grandparent program in Nebraska ▪ Built 4 housing units in Diller NE ▪ Opened a second hand clothing store in David City NE ▪ Built 5 housing units in Dorchester NE ▪ Organized a farmers market in Crete NE ▪ Saved 8 subsidized moderate income housing for families Osceola NE ▪ Initiated a county-wide home rehabilitation program in Butler County ▪ Opened a second hand clothing store in Hebron NE ▪ Built 11 Housing units in Geneva NE ▪ Saved 4 subsidized moderate income housing for seniors in Exeter NE ▪ Created a transit system for David City NE ▪ Partnered to remove housing from flood plain in Beatrice NE ▪ Remodeled a community center in Ohioa NE ▪ Built 2 housing units in Fairmont NE ▪ Helped major industry expand in Fairbury NE by clearing dilapidated properties ▪ Created a county-wide transit service for Fillmore County ▪ Built 2 housing units in Ohioa NE ▪ Opened a second hand store with our partners in Crete NE ▪ Built 1 house in Milligan NE ▪ Opened a second hand store in Seward NE ▪ Instituted a housing rehabilitation project in Osceola NE ▪ Created a transit service for York NE ▪ Built 2 housing units in Grafton NE ▪ Saved 4 subsidized moderate income housing for seniors in Fairmont NE ▪ Organized with our partners a multi-agency service center in Beatrice NE ▪ Opened a second hand store in Fairbury NE ▪ Helped open a civic center in Crete NE ▪ Saved 22 subsidized moderate income housing for seniors and families in 5 communities ▪ Helped major industry in Crete NE expand 300 additional jobs by building housing and child care ▪ Opened a second hand clothing store in Osceola NE ▪ Created a county-wide transit system in Saline County ▪ Founding member of Cornhusker United Way ▪ Revived and revitalized the youth center in Fairbury NE ▪

These visual accomplishments don't compare to those being made everyday helping individuals and families.

*Partial List



Opportunity Economic Security
Purpose Equality Potential
Achievement Self-sufficiency
Success Solutions
Financial Independence

Six National Community Action Goals

- Low-income people become more self-sufficient.
- The conditions in which low-income people live are improved.
- Low-income people own a stake in their community.
- Partnerships among supporters and providers of services to low-income people are achieved.
- Agencies increase their capacity to achieve results.
- Low-income people, especially vulnerable populations, achieve their potential by strengthening family and other supportive systems.



BVCA's 2013-2014 Assets

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

End of the Year Net Assets:
\$6,333,992

Financial Revenues & Expenses FY 2014

PRIVATE REVENUES:

In-kind Donations	\$822,476.00
Cash Donations	\$118,248.00
United Way Awards	\$28,038.00
Foundation Awards	\$27.00
Local Projects	\$47,105.00
Contracts	\$97,057.00
Fees	\$655,104.00
Rents	\$623,552.00
Corporate Investments	<u>\$172,291.00</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$2,563,898.00</u>

FEDERAL DIRECT:

USDA CSFP Commodities Value	\$229,910.00
CNCs Foster Grandparents	\$274,141.00
HHS Head Start	\$1,743,510.00
HHS Early Head Start	\$1,162,204.00
HUD Supportive Housing	\$155,371.00
Veterans Affairs Support Services	<u>\$134,001.00</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$3,699,137.00</u>

STATE REVENUES:

NE Housing Trust Fund (HTF) Regional Rehab	\$101,369.00
NE HTF Home Ownership Program	\$36,844.00
NE Department of Economic Development	\$34,499.00
NE Homeless Assistance Trust Fund	\$50,920.00
NE Homeless Assistance Program	<u>\$3,111.00</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$226,743.00</u>

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT:

County Support	\$66,517.00
Jefferson County Juvenile Services Aid	\$9,760.00
City of Crete Immunization Donations	\$720.00
Crete Public Schools	\$7,022.00
City of Fairbury/Jefferson County FYI Support	<u>\$16,000.00</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$100,019.00</u>

FEDERAL VIA STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

<i>HHS via:</i>	
Region V Systems	\$28,356.00
DHHS Minority Health	\$13,769.00
DHHS Immunization Action	\$30,339.00
DHHS CSBG	\$314,879.00
DHHS LIHEAP	\$4,261.00
DHHS/NEO Weatherization LIHEAP	\$216,355.00
DHHS ITQI	\$23,792.00
NDE Early Childhood Initiative	\$26,230.00

<i>SSA via:</i>	
DHHS SOAR	\$35,924.00

<i>DOE via:</i>	
NEO Weatherization	\$73,203.00

<i>USDA via:</i>	
NDE Childhood & Adult Food	\$114,940.00
DHHS WIC	\$761,802.00
DHHS CSFP (except for commodities)	\$99,359.00

<i>HUD via:</i>	
DED Emergency Shelter Grant Program	\$106,403.00

<i>DOT via:</i>	
NDoR Fillmore County Rural Transit	\$79,369.00

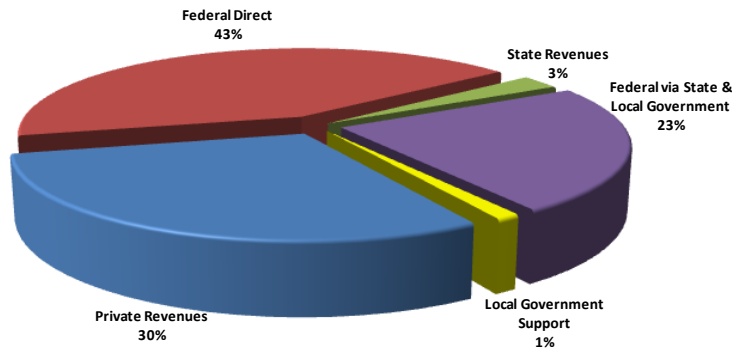
<i>CNCs via:</i>	
ServeNebraska	<u>\$57,136.00</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$1,986,117.00</u>

FEDERAL VIA PRIVATE SOURCES :

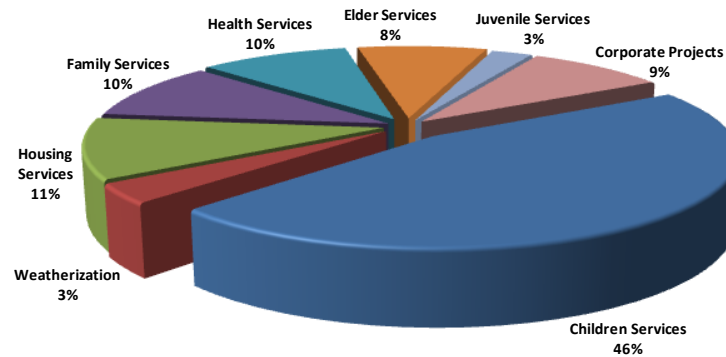
<i>HHS via:</i>	
Community Action of NE ACA Navigator	\$18,733.00

<i>CNCA via:</i>	
Boys Hope Girls Hope AmeriCorps	<u>\$16,988.00</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$35,721.00</u>

**BVCA'S FY 2014 TOTAL REVENUES:
\$8,611,635**



**BVCA'S FY 2014 TOTAL EXPENSES:
\$8,892,500**

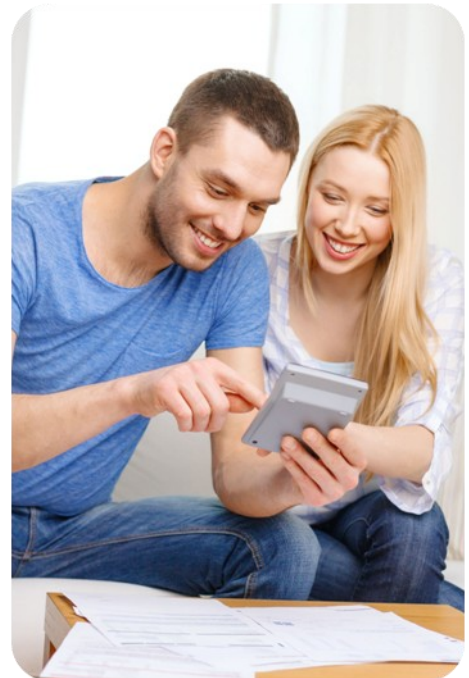


BVCA PARTNERSHIP ACTS AS THE GENERAL PARTNER IN FOUR LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS WITH PRIVATE INVESTORS. (SEE CHART BELOW.)

<u>REAL ESTATE LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS*</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Assets</u>
Prairie Woods CROWN, Ltd., York & Geneva	\$83,141	\$1,056,289
Blue Terrace CROWN, Ltd., Crete	\$86,886	\$1,272,101
Sunset CROWN, Ltd., Beatrice	\$81,948	\$969,616
York CROWN, Ltd., York	\$69,622	\$1,277,794
<i>*Not included in BVCA audit, as each is a separate company.</i>	\$321,597	\$4,575,800

BVCA PARTNERSHIP LEVERAGE

- BVCA's core funding is the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). \$314,879 was granted last year, which is 3.7% of BVCA's budget. For every dollar of CSBG, \$27.34 was leveraged.
- For every \$1.00 of county support, BVCA leveraged \$129.42 of support from outside sources.
- \$17,649 of gaming revenue was generated.
- Volunteers donated 44,524 hours which relieved the organization of the need to raise \$1,202,651 additional dollars or hiring 52 FTE's for each month of the fiscal year.
- Value of contributions of clothing and other goods to thrift stores totaled \$1,514,232.



DID YOU KNOW...

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