

2015 ANNUAL REPORT



BLUE VALLEY
community
Action®

PARTNERSHIP

Helping People. Changing Lives.

Table of Contents

A Message from BVCA Partnership	1
Leadership Team	1
Board of Directors	2
Our Mission	2
Board Adopted Advocacy Issues	2
Client Demographics	3-4
Our Vision	3
The Promise of Community Action.....	4
Programs—A Year In Review	5-19
Six National Community Action Goals.....	5
Emergency Assistance.....	5
Project FIRST (Families In Residence with Support in Transition).....	5
Individual Development Accounts Program (IDA)	5
Food Security Programs	6
Commodity Supplemental Food Program.....	6
Information and Referral Assistance.....	6
Clothing and Household Items Distribution	7
Compassionate Projects.....	7
Pathways to Employment	7
SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access & Recovery (SOAR)	7
Fillmore County Rural Transit Service	8
Marketplace Navigators.....	8
Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)	9
Weatherization.....	9
Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation.....	10
Affordable Rental Housing	11
RentWise	11
Lease Purchase Program	11
Homeownership Opportunity Program (HOP).....	12
Women, Infants and Children (WIC)	13
Oral Health Project.....	13
WIC Peer Counseling	13
Immunization Program (IAP).....	14
York Partnership for Reducing Disparities	14
Komen Foundation.....	14
Diversity Education	14
Head Start 0-5	15
Early Childhood Collaboration	16
Infant/Toddler Quality Initiative Program	16
Blue River Childcare & Preschool.....	16
Family and Youth Involvement Center (FYI).....	17
Project Everlast	17
AmeriCorps & AmeriCorps VISTA.....	17
Foster Grandparent Program (FGP)	18
Friends of Blue Valley.....	19
Scholarships	19
Staff Stats.....	20
Financial Resources & Expenses.....	21-22
Real Estate Limited Partnerships.....	22
BVCA Leverage.....	22
BVCA Partnership Offices	23-24
Acknowledgment.....	25



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.

A Message from BVCA

Welcome to this year's Annual Report of Blue Valley Community Action Partnership, which covers the October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015 fiscal year of our organization. As you read it, we will already be in our 50th year celebrations which began October 1, 1965—50 years of helping the communities, families and individuals of our service area.

As you review this report, we ask you to place yourself in the shoes of those we have helped, many of whom have had their lives changed. In doing so, you may realize how they felt having to come to us 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) as BVCA responded with the assistance we could give to set them back on a road of self-sufficiency and a less stressful living situation. Changing peoples' lives is what BVCA Partnership is all about.

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 most often go to assist with the emergencies of those who walk-in. We work with county governments, local towns, churches and other community groups and agencies to maximize resources for services and collaborations 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, duplicative 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 hope you will read our 49th annual report and decide to pitch in to help out. Your involvement is the best solution; your financial support is also helpful. Our best result would be to get everyone partnering to improve rural Nebraska by creating opportunities for all. Please visit www.bvca.net to get involved, make a donation, and make a difference.

Leadership Team

Richard D. Nation
Chief Executive Officer

Heather Lytle
Administrative Director

Ardith Hoins
Family & Community Services Director

Shari Wurtz-Miller
Children Services Director

Jamie Swartz
Fiscal Director

Kim Vicars
Housing Director

Kelly Davis
Weatherization Director

Janie Fralin
Health Services Director

Collena Laschanzky
Juvenile Services Director

Roxanne Hammond
Human Resources Officer

Kim Robbins
Research & Development Officer

Helping People ... Changing Lives



Board of Directors 2014-2015

Officers

President—Terry Keslar, Gage County Private Sector

Vice President—Tony Likens, Jefferson County Private Sector

Treasurer—Randy Williams, Fillmore County Private Sector

Secretary—Ray Capek, Fillmore County Public Sector

Public Sector Representatives

Tony Krafka, Butler County

Kevin Slama, Butler County (A)

Jerry Galusha, Fillmore County (A)

Erich Tiemann, Gage County

Art Craig, Jefferson County

Michael Simonsen, Polk County

Michael Smith, Polk County (A)

Willis Luedke, Saline County

Janet Henning, Saline County (A)

Whitney Fleischman, Seward County

Mike Luebbe, Seward County (A)

Chris Frye, Thayer County

Kurt Bulgrin, York County

Bill Barnesberger, York County (A)

Private Sector Representatives

Randy Williams, Fillmore County

Tracy Wallick, Fillmore County (A)

Wayne Nestor, Polk County

Dan McElravy, Saline County

Truc Doan, Saline County (A)

Wendy Elston, Seward County

John Milligan, Seward County (A)

Jeff Hammer, Thayer County

Dave Dohmen, York County

Nancy Lee, York County (A)

Ex-Officio Representatives

Ashley Nicholson, Project FIRST

Chasity Meyers, Project FIRST (A)

Crystal Vinsonhaler, Policy Council

Hobie Gray, Senior Youth Leadership Council

Consumer Sector Representatives

Luellen Schauer, Butler County

Michelle Schauer, Fillmore County

Sandi Danskin, Fillmore County (A)

Judy Feit, Gage County

Cindy Essam, Gage County (A)

Sam Mishler, Jefferson County

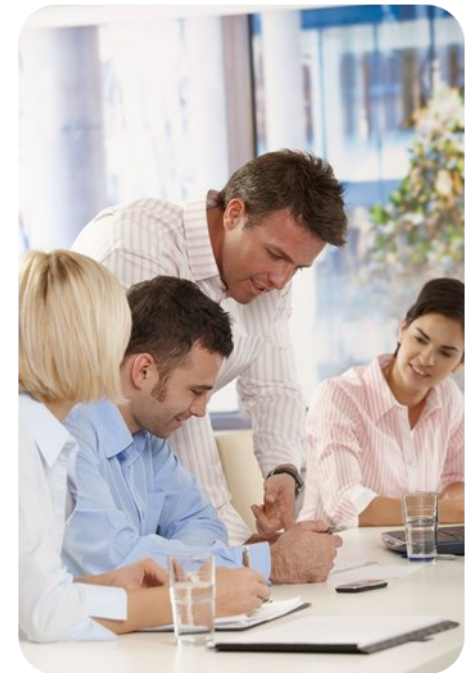
Janice Weber, Seward County

Kenny Vieselmeyer, Thayer County

Janelle Culp, Thayer County (A)

Elizabeth Sobotka, York County

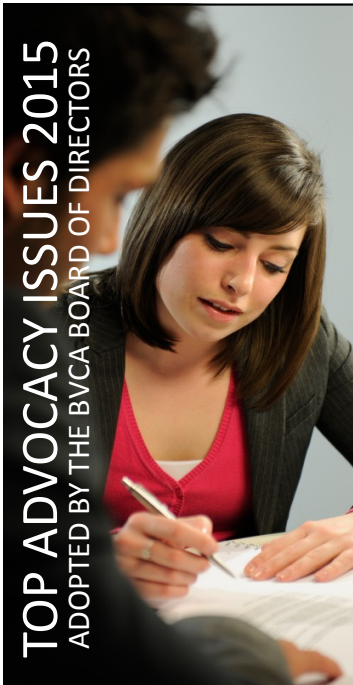
Helen Lulow, York County (A)



Our Mission

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

TOP ADVOCACY ISSUES 2015
ADOPTED BY THE BVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



- Support policies that reward those on the road to self-sufficiency.
 - Support prioritization of programs that move toward the goal of self-sufficiency, while ensuring a safety net.
 - Support public policy to increase potential income generation and opportunities.
- Promote education and the tools necessary to bring individuals up to a living wage.
 - Promote financial literacy education.
 - Support public education regarding discrimination against the poor.
- Promote job creation programs, policies and legislation.
 - Support equal pay for equal work.
- Promote rural equity in human service opportunities.
- Promote less reliance on government by motivating the non-government sector to invest in charitable endeavors.
- Encourage favorable taxation policy towards low-income tax-payers and charitable organizations.
- Support healthy lifestyle opportunities for low-income families and individuals.
 - Support healthcare that offers affordable universal coverage.
- Support multi-year federal budgeting, similar to state two year cycle.
- Support a streamlined process toward becoming a U.S. Citizen.
- Support the right of low-income to have adequate legal counsel.



*Terry Keslar
Board President
2015*



*Richard Nation
Chief Executive Officer
1978-2015*

Client Demographics

FY 2015

*During FY 2015
BVCA Partnership served
9,114 individuals.*



Family Structure

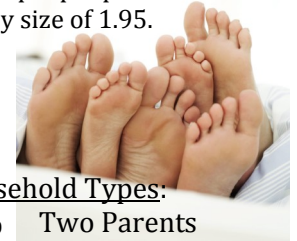
The average community family size is 2.55 people per household compared to the average BVCA client family size of 1.95.

Family Size:

35%	One Person
25%	Two Persons
15%	Three Persons
13%	Four Persons
7%	Five Persons
3%	Six Persons
1%	Seven Persons
1%	Eight or More Persons

Household Types:

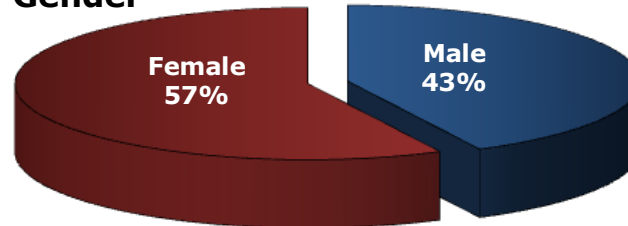
28%	Two Parents
21%	Single Parent
9%	Couple, No Children
35%	Single Persons
7%	Other



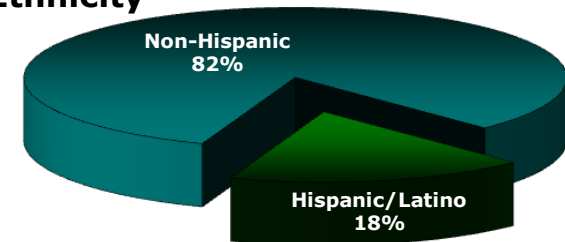
Our Vision

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.

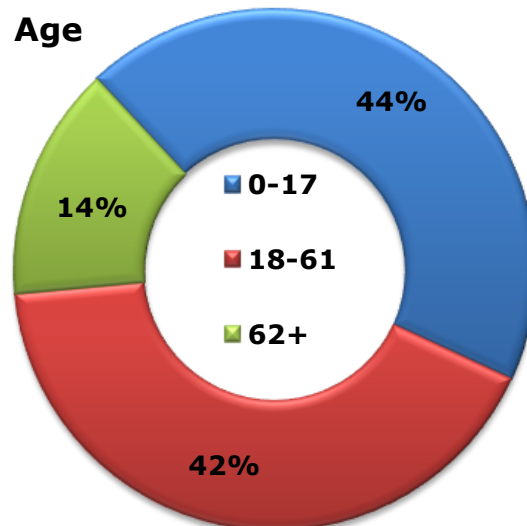
Gender



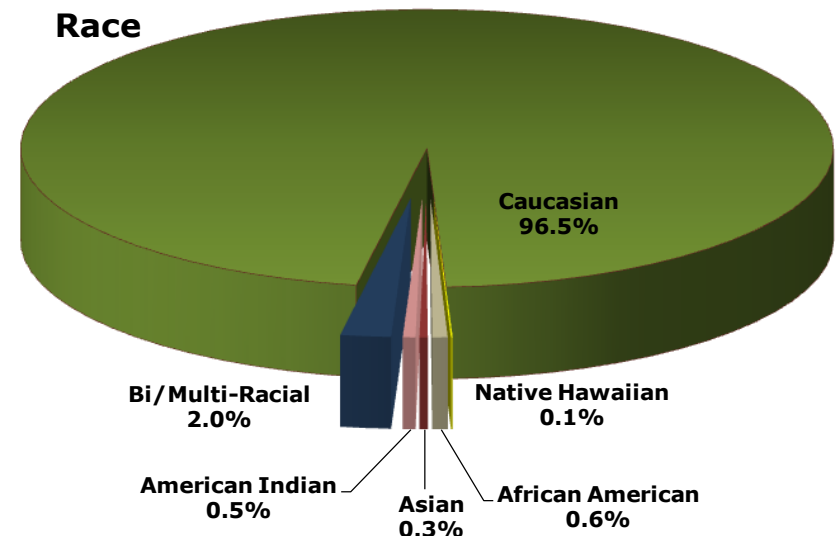
Ethnicity



Age



Race



Education

4%	College/Tech Graduates
10%	High School Graduates with Some College
21%	High School Graduates/GED
13%	Non-graduating Adults
52%	School Age & Younger

Poverty Among BVCA's Clients' Families

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

50% or less	23%	101%-125%	20%
51%-75%	16%	126%-200%	15%
76%-100%	<u>24%</u>	200% or higher	<u>2%</u>
	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

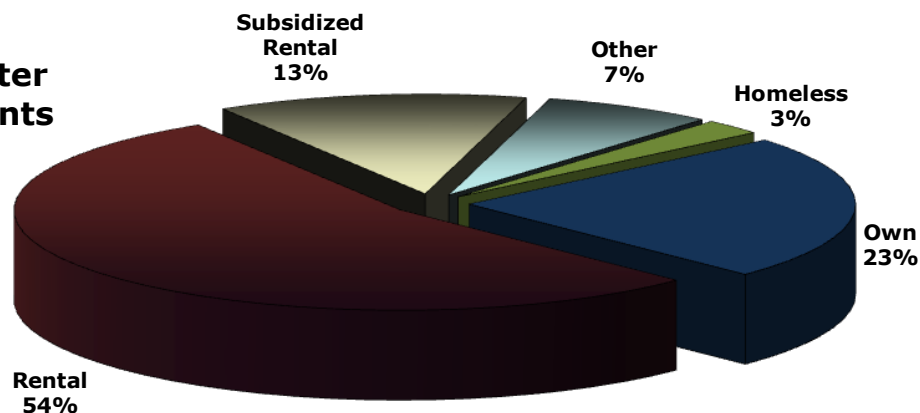
Current minimum wage is \$9.00 per hour or \$18,720 full-time gross, significantly below the poverty rate. Even at \$10.00 per hour, the wage for a family of four would be \$20,800—still well below the poverty rate. The only good news is that the lowest level under 50% of poverty has dropped to 23% from 26% last year.



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



*Not Previously Counted



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.

Programs—A Year In Review

FY 2015

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Available: All BVCA Counties

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

- Number of individuals receiving emergency assistance:
 - Rent: 411
 - Medical Care: 18
 - Utility: 620
 - Transportation: 37
 - Shelter: 81
 - Clothing: 142
- Unduplicated number for all these services total 1,051 individuals in 635 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 housing stability through scattered site housing in the community of their choice.

- 15 families with 46 family members (17 adults and 29 children) were served.
- Of the persons entering FIRST during the year:
 - 14 came from emergency shelter.
 - 2 came from a transitional housing program.
 - 1 was living in a place not meant for human habitation.
- Program goal results included:
 - 7 of 9 adults who exited had the same or more income at time of exit compared to time of entry.
 - 3 of 8 individuals that currently remain on the program had the same or more income compared to time of entry.
 - 25 of 25 individuals who exited the program remained in permanent housing.
 - 9 of 9 households with debt of \$53,930 reduced it by \$7,393.30 (13.7%).
 - 78% of households contributed to their savings account.
 - 7 households saved \$3,749.

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS PROGRAM (IDA)

Available: All BVCA Counties

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

- 4 participants were enrolled towards purchasing a home.
- 2 participants were enrolled towards education assistance.
- 2 participant was enrolled towards starting a business.

FOOD SECURITY PROGRAMS

Available: All BVCA Counties

Individuals and families who are facing a shortage of food are assisted through donations from generous individuals, communities and organizations. There are various options for securing food.

- 2,589 individuals/991 households received food assistance.
- 9,511 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 2015, BVCA spent \$9,673.77 on additional items.
- In addition, Walmart donated 374,974 pounds of food (bakery items, fresh fruits and vegetables) to BVCA's Fillmore, Jefferson, Saline, Seward and York food pantries, which was distributed as part of the Feeding America program.

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.

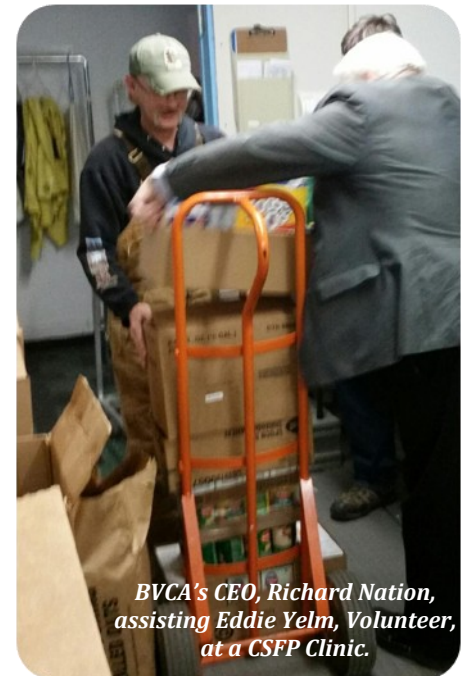
- A total of 1,180 individuals were enrolled:
 - 1,155 elderly individuals
 - 25 children (Previously, some women and children were eligible for CSFP, but because Congress changed the Farm Bill, they are no longer able to apply. Those enrolled in CSFP as of 2/6/14 were allowed to stay on the program until they are no longer eligible according to the previous age guidelines. As of 9/30/15, four children are still enrolled.)
- A total of 10,973 monthly food packages were distributed.
- USDA value of food distributed through BVCA: \$218,995.88/year or \$18,249.66/month
- Retail value of food distributed through BVCA: \$373,133.36/year or \$31,094.44/month
- Average retail value of food given each participant per month: \$26.35 (a 24% drop from previous year)

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL ASSISTANCE

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.

- 4,069 information and referral services were provided.



BVCA's CEO, Richard Nation, assisting Eddie Yelm, Volunteer, at a CSFP Clinic.

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.



"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."

—Project FIRST Client

Helping People ... Changing Lives

CLOTHING AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS DISTRIBUTION

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.

- 76 individuals received free clothing.
- Through the "Sewing for Babies" initiative, 2,740 pieces of clothing were given to newborns enrolled in WIC.

COMPASSIONATE PROJECTS

Available: All BVCA Counties

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

- 216 children received school supplies.
- 542 individuals participated in various holiday events.
- 121 fans were distributed for the Department of Health & Human Services.
- 166 children participated in "Ready, Set, Go" to help kids prepare for school by providing school supplies and various health screenings.
- 52 children participated in the Family and Youth Involvement (FYI) Center's Project Santa, and 288 family members of youth received gifts. The approximate value of Project Santa donated gifts totaled \$1,140.

PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT

Available: All BVCA Counties

Bundled employment preparation and placement opportunities including preparing for and getting a job, on-the-job training, and increasing job skills/competencies.

- 95 individuals were unemployed and got a job.
- 34 obtained skills/competencies required for employment.

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.

- 8 applications filed (1 Veteran); 2 homeless with an average length of time of homelessness of 11 months; 1 application approved for SSI/SSDI and 7 denied; 92 days average to initial decision.
- 4 appeals filed; 0 approved and 1 denied; 257 days to appeal decision.

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 the general public.

	FY 2015	Forever
Boardings	5,993	199,450
Days of Service	245	8,221
Miles Traveled	19,766	899,845
Average Monthly Elderly Ridership	312	
Average Monthly Non-elderly Ridership	187	

ONE WAY TRIPS			
Shopping	936	Education	393
Medical	802	Nutrition	369
Employment	109	Return Trips	3,384
Social/Recreation	0	TOTAL:	5,993

"As a daughter of a rider, I couldn't be happier with the services you provide. You help keep track of Mom and that helps a great deal."

"My husband and I use the van only for transportation to medical appointments which we are eternally grateful! We are in our late 80's and do not drive in cities."



"You saved my life that day! I was so lost and didn't know where to turn. You gave me so much hope!"
—BVCA Client

MARKETPLACE NAVIGATORS

Available: All BVCA Counties

Local staff members are trained to assist families, individuals and small businesses with enrollment in health insurance plans under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The Marketplace is a way to compare health coverage from a variety of private insurance companies and select a plan which meets both their needs and their budget.

- 6 BVCA staff have received certification to serve as ACA Marketplace Navigators.
- 39 consumers were assisted with enrolling in a new health plan.
- 5 consumers were assisted with renewing their coverage.
- 8 consumers were assisted with exemptions.
- 34 consumers were assisted with post enrollment.
- 208 consumers were assisted via telephone.
- Navigators participated in 18 outreach events reaching 706 consumers.
- Navigators held 9 promotional activities reaching 1,532 consumers.
- 2,532 consumers were reached through appointments, phone calls, outreach and promotional activities.



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

—BVCA Client

Helping People ... Changing Lives

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.

- 55 individuals (34 adults and 21 children) were assisted.
- 59% were homeless; 58.3% obtained temporary financial assistance (rent, utilities, deposits, etc.)
- 27 were at-risk of becoming homeless; 41.7% obtained temporary financial assistance (rent, utilities, deposits, etc.)
- 88% were in permanent housing at the time of exit.
- 12 households were screened but were not eligible for services.

SUCCESS STORY...

A Veteran who was previously assisted in SSVF and was doing well, was unexpectedly given an eviction notice from his apartment after the new owners decided they no longer wanted to be landlords. He was given a couple of weeks to move. He did not contact SSVF until he only had a few days left before he'd be on the street. He was working at minimum wage and had nowhere to move and no money saved to get himself stable. SSVF staff contacted landlords and Section 8 housing and found a subsidized apartment that was available. SSVF staff worked with the Section 8 staff to move the application through quickly and got him approved. SSVF assisted with his rental deposit. He was able to pay the first month's rent. He continues to work and is stable in his new apartment.

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 64 individuals in 39 households.

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.

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



Before

DID YOU KNOW...

According to the HOME Coalition and Building HOME report, the HOME Investment Partnership Program, attracted more than \$117 billion in additional public and private resources to build and preserve nearly 1.2 million affordable homes across the country since it began in 1992. In Nebraska, the HOME funds have preserved nearly 1,000 homes with owner-occupied rehabilitation.



After



Before



After



"The BVCA staff went above and beyond to help me. I am so grateful for this program, without it I would never been able to afford to do the work to my home."

—BVCA Rehab Client



"Everything is great at the Valley Heights apartments. It is peaceful and quiet. Maintenance is always prompt in fixing a repair and the office staff are always very polite and helpful. I really enjoy living here."

—Valley Heights Tenant

Helping People ... Changing Lives

AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING

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

BVCA Partnership manages 188 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.

- 202 individuals/61 households in lease-to-own homes.
- 292 individuals/154 households in rental units.

DID YOU KNOW...

According to a September 2015 report by the National Multi-Family Housing Council, 37% U.S. Households are renter occupied. Of those rented units, 35% are single family homes.



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.

- Statewide, 472 Nebraska tenants were trained and there were 28 new trainers.
- No classes were held by BVCA in 2015. There will be a class in January 2016.

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 2015 funding for the program. Two homes are currently up for sale.

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.

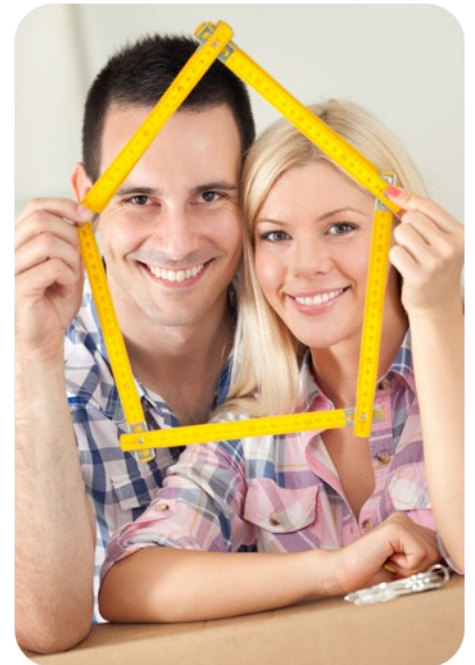
- 25 individuals/9 households were assisted in purchasing their own home—leveraging \$664,626 privately with \$79,590 in down-payment assistance.
- 4 First-Time Homebuyer Education classes in combination with the online course, ehomeamerica.org, were provided to 31 individuals.

SUCCESS STORY...

Dave, Theresa and their six kids were living in a house that had a high level of lead. Due to the unsafe levels, Theresa and the kids were not able to live in the home anymore. The family had to split up because they were not able to find a house immediately to accommodate them. Dave and Theresa applied for our Homeownership Opportunity Program and were approved. Now because of the help they received from BVCA, they are able to live together as a family again.

DID YOU KNOW...

According to the National Association of Realtors, home sales have increased for 8 consecutive months and are 9.2% above a year ago. The percent share of first-time buyers rose to 32 percent in May, up from 30 percent in April and matching the highest share since September 2012. A year ago, first-time buyers represented 27 percent of all buyers.



"I love the fact that I am living in a house with my daughter. I am also learning how to be a homeowner and saving money to do so. The program is wonderful."

—Sunset Crown Tenant



Community Health Workers

Jamie Vylmalek, Immunization Coordinator, and Graciela Quiroz, Hispanic Healthcare Coordinator, completed Community Health Worker training. This is a new training curriculum that provides staff with skills and education to perform home visits and provide support for clients who need follow-up care in managing a variety of selected medical conditions.

Helping People ... Changing Lives

WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC)

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

The Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program provides health and nutrition services for infants, children up to age 5, and at risk pregnant, breastfeeding and post partum women. After medical and nutritional screening, vouchers are given to certified individuals for food from local stores.

- 1,465 individuals:
 - 536 women
 - 597 children
 - 332 infants
- 282 referrals to other services were given.
- Car Seat Safety Project:
 - Car seat safety inspections were held in York and Crete.
 - 35 children from 19 families were provided new car seats.
 - Parent education classes were provided to 56 families.
 - 131 families received fliers on car seat safety.
 - BVCA trained car seat inspectors are available at all clinics.



DID YOU KNOW...

BVCA's WIC program was selected as one of two agencies in the state to be the pilot project for the new WIC MIS paperless computer system and has continued to support other agencies across the state implement the system.

ORAL HEALTH PROJECT

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

BVCA's WIC program partners with Four Corners Health Department and Public Health Solutions to provide WIC clients and their family with free oral health screening, sealants and oral hygiene kits.

- 429 WIC Children received services.
- 242 dental kits and "Stop tobacco use" information was distributed.



WIC PEER COUNSELING

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

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

- 326 women received services.

IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (IAP)

Available: Jefferson, Saline & Seward Counties

Provides free immunization to keep children and communities healthy from life threatening and or debilitating diseases protecting infants 6 weeks of age or older, children, adolescents and adults who are on Medicaid or uninsured. Private pay vaccines are offered to all ages and BVCA files insurance claims.

- 414 individuals received a total of 1,316 immunizations.
 - 400 infants and children received immunizations.
 - 14 adults received immunizations.
 - 48 were non-English speaking.
- In addition, immunizations were provided to 436 individuals with private insurance.



YORK PARTNERSHIP FOR REDUCING DISPARITIES

Available: York County

Case management is provided for pregnant and post-partum Hispanic women and their families. Support is given for interpretation at WIC Clinics, interpreting and transportation for medical appointments as needed, and assistance with application and/or referrals for other community resources.

- 28 pregnant and post-partum women received case management.
- 6 health education classes were held with 48 teens and adult women in attendance.
- 3 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.

- Services were provided to 11 Hispanic women who qualified for free mammograms. One woman who had abnormal test results was provided with additional testing and services that required the removal of a malignant tumor followed by radiation treatments with a diagnosis of being cancer free following treatment.

DIVERSITY EDUCATION

Available: All BVCA Counties

Provides diversity education and training to staff and communities to help raise awareness of cultural differences within our society, and to celebrate the similarities and differences in race, religion, ethnicity and socioeconomics.



*"If you ever lay in bed at night and wonder if you make a difference in the world, just know that you do."
—Immunization Client*



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

Helping People ... Changing Lives

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, mental health, and parent involvement.

- A total of 398 families received Head Start 0-5 services.
- Head Start:
 - 272 children/250 families/1,016 family members were enrolled.
 - Waitlist totaled 133 on first day of school and 143 on last day of school.
 - 262 health exams were provided.
 - 248 dental screenings were provided.
 - 225 were immunized.
- Early Head Start:
 - 126 children/94 families/383 total family members were enrolled.
 - 12 pregnant women were served.
 - Waitlist totaled 54 on first day and 76 on last day.
 - 101 health exams were provided.
 - 103 dental screenings were provided.
 - 77 were immunized.
- 33,400 meals and 19,486 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.
 - 485 fluoride varnish treatments were provided.
- 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	337 families
2. Health Education	337 families
3. Emergency/crisis intervention	24 families
4. Mental Health Services	82 families
5. Housing Assistance	31 families

AGES	
Prenatal	12
under age 1	38
1 year old	36
2 years old	48
3 years old	120
4 years old	138
5 years old	6
TOTAL	398



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 school districts to expand opportunities for more preschool aged children using the quality of Head Start as a model.

- 454 children, in addition to the 239 Head Start children, received services 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 22 providers during FY 2015.

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.

- 75 children were provided with safe and affordable childcare.
- 179 children were provided with preschool.
- 14 families have more than one child enrolled at the center.
- 43,069 meals and 19,028 snacks were provided.
- The center is open 71.5 hours per week to accommodate the needs of working parents.



"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





"Seeds of Hope Youth Garden" provides youth an education in the areas of self-sufficiency, planting, maintaining, harvesting, preparing and preserving food (pictured above).

"When I'm not sure if I can go on, I call the Project Everlast staff and they are always there to help me find a solution."

—Project Everlast Client

Helping People ... Changing Lives

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.

- 354 children attended the center at least once during FY 2015.
- 192 children received homework assistance.
- 170 children were involved in community betterment activities via the President's Volunteer Service Award.
- 4 children were referred from school officials for issues in class such as behavioral problems & drop-out/throw-outs.
- 7 students completed Pre-Trial Juvenile Diversion.
- FYI's "Feed Your Neighbor" project collected 181 pounds of canned food for the BVCA's Food Pantry.
- FYI's signature event is "Project Santa". A total of 52 youth participated, 228 gifts were wrapped.

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.

- 10 youth enrolled.
- All youth completed Money Smart modules and future plans forms.

AMERICORPS & AMERICORPS VISTA

Available: All Counties

National Service programs allowing individuals of all ages to earn a stipend and educational assistance award in exchange for a year of community service.

- 10 AmeriCorps Members enrolled.
- BVCA has two VISTA Projects:
 - 5 VISTA Members enrolled in 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.
 - 4 VISTA Members enrolled in Veterans Support Corps (VSC) VISTA which 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.

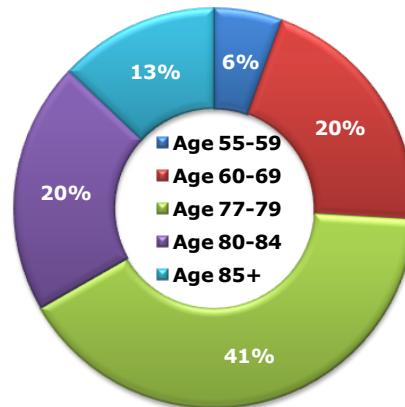
FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

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.

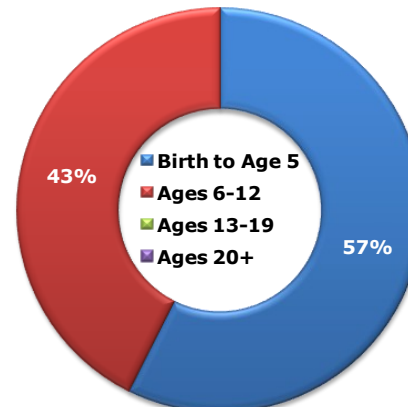
- 50 Grandmas and 4 Grandpas volunteered as Foster Grandparents.
- 50 children are awaiting Foster Grandparent services.
- 10 children of U.S. Armed Forces Service Members were served.
- 18 children of prisoners were served.
- 270 children were mentored.
- 97.14% of children in the mentoring/tutoring program improved academics.
- 57.33% of children demonstrated gains in social and/or emotional development.
- 61,808 hours were served by Foster Grandparents
 - 9 Foster Grandparents served 15-19 hours/week
 - 27 Foster Grandparents served 20-29 hours/week
 - 18 Foster Grandparents served 30-40 hours/week

Special Needs	Children
Abused/Neglected Children	8
Development Disabilities	14
Emotional Disabilities	17
Language Barriers	53
Learning Disabilities	25
Physical Disabilities	1
Significantly Medically Impaired	1
Visually Impaired	4
Teen Pregnancy/Teen Parenting	2
Homeless	2
Other Special Needs	143

Age of Grandparents



Age of Children Served



"Dear Grandma Karen,
Thank you for coming to help me make a gingerbread house. You made it fun for me. I hope we can do more things together soon. Your Friend, Alex"





Get Involved!

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

Helping People ... Changing Lives

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 communities. Friends of Blue Valley also participates in fundraising activities and other special events.



- 629 individuals volunteered in BVCA's centers and classrooms and at various events.
- 45,773.25 hours were donated by volunteers.
- The value of hours donated totaled \$1,000,722.91.
- Private cash donations totaled \$189,878
- BVCA's 3rd Annual Duck 'N' Run raised \$8,482.
- Faith based organizations continue to donate to assist in helping families in need. BVCA is very thankful for their generosity and support. Their contributions totaled \$85,742.
- Faith based cash donations totaled \$34,787.
- \$50,955 of donations were received in the form of food, clothing and other miscellaneous items.

DID YOU KNOW...

- 96 of our volunteers donated from 100-500 hours!
- 9 of our volunteers donated 500-1000 hours!
- 9 of our volunteers donated over 1000 hours!

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 2014-2015 school year were Danielle Schaf of Shelby and Phillip Schildt of Pleasant Dale.
- Recipients of the \$500 BVCA Partnership Vocational Scholarship for the 2014-2015 school year were Martin Nunez Jr of Ohiowa, Naomi Kerwood of York, Lori Eichstedt of York, and Kirstan Longsine of Seward.



Staff Stats

FY 2015

Employment Status

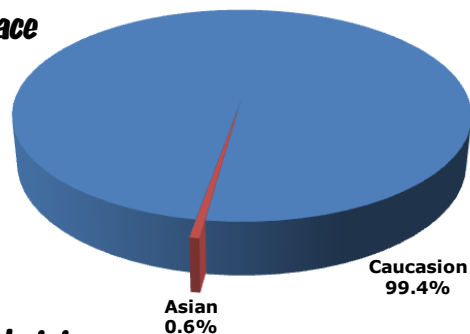
BVCA Partnership employed a total of 181 individuals over the past fiscal year.

- 135 full-time, 25 part-time, and 21 on-call

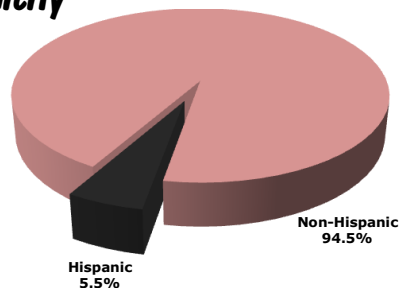
Education

High School Diploma/GED	117
Associate of Arts	21
Bachelor's of Science	19
Bachelor's of Arts	17
Masters	4
Licensed Practical Nurse	2
Registered Nurse	1
Certified Community Action Professionals—CCAP	5

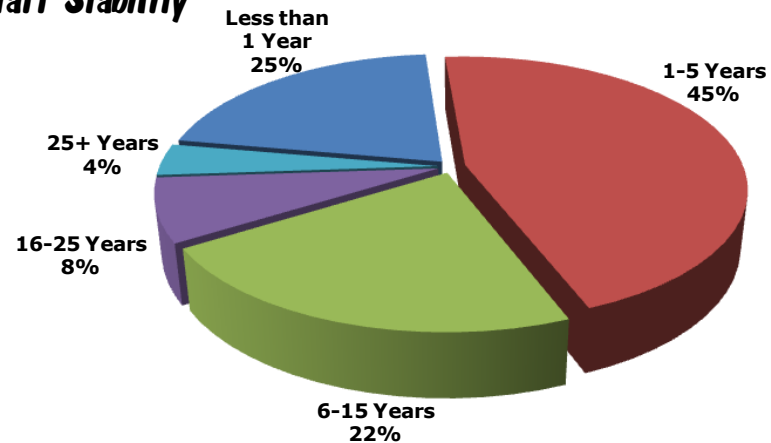
Race



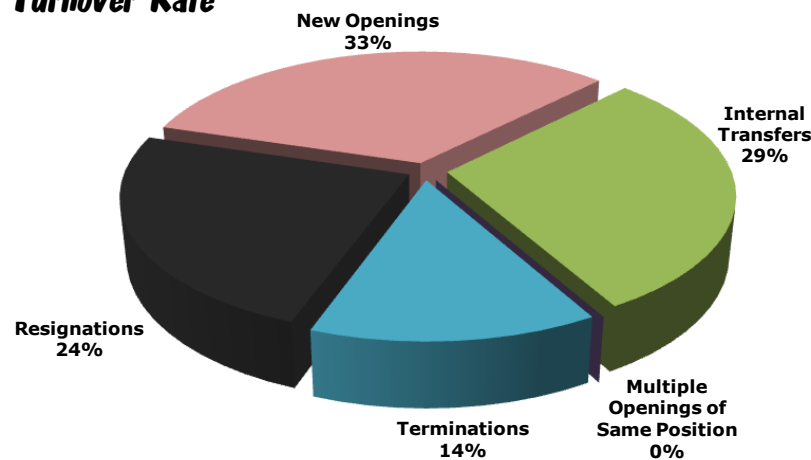
Ethnicity



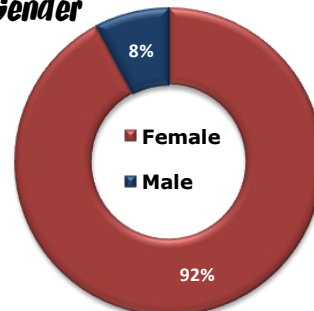
Staff Stability



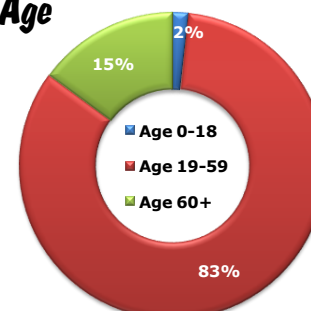
Turnover Rate



Gender



Age



Our longest serving employee retired this year. We thank Kathryn Molczyk for her 48 years of helping people and changing lives in the communities we serve. Have a wonderful retirement!



BVCA's 2014-2015 Assets

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

End of the Year Net Assets:
\$7,053,823

Financial Revenues & Expenses FY 2015

PRIVATE REVENUES:

In-kind Donations	\$838,279.00
Cash Donations	\$172,549.00
United Way Awards	\$32,599.00
Foundation Awards	\$32,520.00
Local Projects	\$59,831.00
Contracts	\$399,311.00
Fees	\$556,060.00
Rents	\$677,718.00
Corporate Investments	<u>\$193,435.00</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$2,962,302.00</u>

FEDERAL DIRECT:

USDA CSFP Commodities Value	\$218,996.00
CNCs Foster Grandparents	\$272,392.00
HHS Childcare Partnership	\$301,442.00
HHS Head Start	\$1,950,551.00
HHS Early Head Start	\$1,106,453.00
HUD Supportive Housing	\$177,228.00
Veterans Affairs Support Services	<u>\$130,586.00</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$4,157,648.00</u>

STATE REVENUES:

School Partnerships	\$23,876.00
Jefferson County Enhancement Grant	\$32,418.00
NE Housing Trust Fund (HTF) Regional Rehab	\$120,590.00
NE HTF Home Ownership Program	\$171,078.00
NE Department of Economic Development	\$25,501.00
NE HTF Disaster Relief	\$4,380.00
NE Homeless Assistance Trust Fund	\$86,105.00
NE Homeless Assistance Program	<u>\$2,654.00</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$466,602.00</u>

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT:

County Support	\$75,606.00
Juvenile Services Aid	\$16,605.00
City of Crete Immunization Donations	\$720.00
City of Fairbury/Jefferson County FYI Support	<u>\$3,345.00</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$96,276.00</u>

FEDERAL VIA STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

<i>HHS via:</i>	
Region V Systems	\$10,667.00
DHHS Community Health	\$1,918.00
DHHS Minority Health	\$4,143.00
DHHS Immunization Action	\$16,399.00
DHHS CSBG	\$313,014.00
DHHS LIHEAP	\$5,705.00
DHHS/NEO Weatherization LIHEAP	\$151,490.00
DHHS ITQI	\$19,963.00
NDE Early Childhood Initiative	\$38,559.00

SSA via:

DHHS SOAR	\$42,465.00
-----------	-------------

DOE via:

NEO Weatherization	\$128,263.00
--------------------	--------------

USDA via:

NDE Childhood & Adult Food	\$120,712.00
DHHS WIC	\$621,421.00
DHHS CSFP (except for commodities)	\$107,670.00

HUD via:

DED Emergency Shelter Grant Program	\$77,065.00
-------------------------------------	-------------

DOT via:

NDOR Fillmore County Rural Transit	\$86,654.00
------------------------------------	-------------

CNCs via:

ServeNebraska	<u>\$102,947.00</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$1,849,055.00</u>

FEDERAL VIA PRIVATE SOURCES :

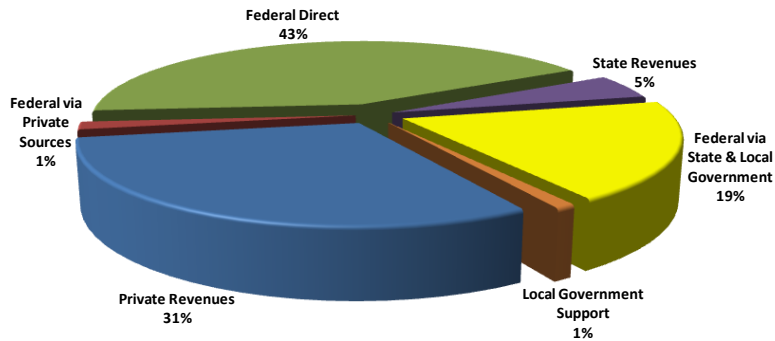
HHS via:

Community Action of NE ACA Navigator	\$62,691.00
--------------------------------------	-------------

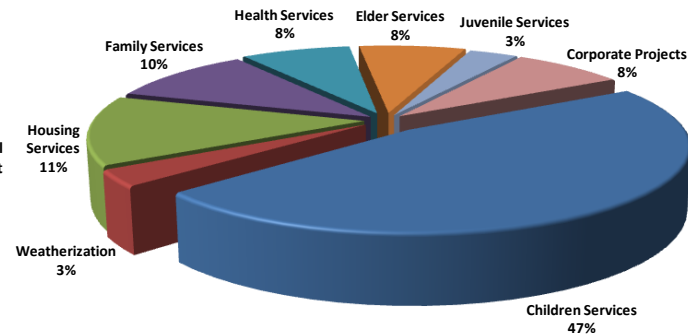
CNCA via:

Boys Hope Girls Hope AmeriCorps	<u>\$81,016.00</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$143,707.00</u>

**BVCA'S FY 2015 TOTAL REVENUES:
\$9,675,590**



**BVCA'S FY 2015 TOTAL EXPENSES:
\$9,769,246**



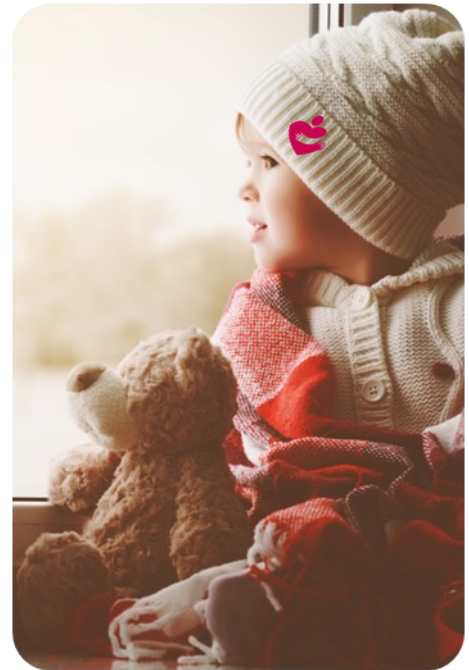
BVCA PARTNERSHIP ACTS AS THE GENERAL PARTNER IN THREE LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS WITH PRIVATE INVESTORS. (SEE CHART BELOW.)

REAL ESTATE LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS*	Income	Assets
Prairie Woods CROWN, Ltd., York & Geneva	\$80,599	\$1,009,650
Blue Terrace CROWN, Ltd., Crete	\$94,210	\$1,217,303
York CROWN, Ltd., York	\$68,769	\$1,230,755
	\$243,578	\$3,457,708

*Not included in BVCA audit, as each is a separate company.

BVCA PARTNERSHIP LEVERAGE

- BVCA's core funding is the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). \$302,538 was granted last year, which is just over 3% of BVCA's total budget.
- For every dollar of CSBG, over \$31.00 was leveraged from other sources.
- For every \$1.00 of county support, BVCA leveraged \$135.12 of support from outside sources.
- \$14,300 of gaming revenue was generated.
- Volunteers donated 45,273.25 hours which relieved the organization of the need to raise \$1,000,722.91 additional dollars or hiring 22 FTE's for each month of the fiscal year.
- Value of contributions of food, clothing and other goods to thrift stores totaled \$979,491.19.



DID YOU KNOW...

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



Visit BVCA Online!



www.bvca.net
www.facebook.com/BVCAPartnership
www.twitter.com/BVCAPartnership
www.youtube.com/BVCAPartnership

BVCA Partnership Offices

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES OF BVCA PARTNERSHIP

620 5TH STREET, P.O. BOX 273, FAIRBURY NE 68352

PHONE: (402) 729-2278 FAX: (402) 729-2801

WEBSITE: www.bvca.net EMAIL: 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 12TH STREET
 WYMORE NE 68466
 PHONE: (402) 645-3441
wymorehs@bvca.net

RIISING STARS PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

THAYER COUNTY 0-5
 320 Lincoln 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 6TH 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 5TH STREET
 YORK NE 68467
 PHONE: (402) 362-4299
yorkhs@bvca.net

SALINE COUNTY HEAD START 0-5

HEAD START 3-5:
 325 EAST 9TH STREET
 CRETE NE 68333
 PHONE: (402) 826-5221
salinehs@bvca.net

HEAD START 0-5:
 EARLY LEARNING CENTER
 1122 MAIN AVENUE
 CRETE NE 68333
 PHONE: (402) 385-0057
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

BLUE RIVER CHILDCARE & PRESCHOOL

325 EAST 9TH STREET
 P.O. BOX 304
 CRETE NE 68333
 PHONE: (402) 826-4216
blueriver@bvca.net

JUVENILE SERVICES

FYI CENTER
514 "D" STREET, P.O. BOX 352
FAIRBURY NE 68352
PHONE: (402) 729-6510

FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES FIELD OFFICES

BUTLER COUNTY

416 "E" STREET
DAVID CITY NE 68632
PHONE: (402) 367-4347
butlerfcs@bvca.net

JEFFERSON COUNTY FCS

624 5TH STREET
FAIRBURY NE 68352
PHONE: (402) 729-5568
jeffersonfcs@bvca.net

SEWARD COUNTY FCS

640 SEWARD STREET, P.O. BOX 342
SEWARD NE 68434
PHONE: (402) 643-6425
sewardfcs@bvca.net

FOSTER GRANDPARENTS PROGRAM

BEATRICE OFFICE
121 SOUTH 5TH STREET
BEATRICE NE 68310
PHONE: (402) 223-6036
pioneer-fgp@bvca.net

SOAR

1320 "G" STREET
GENEVA NE 68361
PHONE: (402) 759-3075
CELL: (402) 363-8139
agurley@bvca.net

FILLMORE COUNTY FCS

130 SOUTH 8TH STREET
GENEVA NE 68361
PHONE: (402) 759-3564
fillmorefcs@bvca.net

POLK COUNTY FCS

440 NEBRASKA AVENUE, P.O. BOX 63
OSCEOLA NE 68651
PHONE: (402) 747-2102
polkfcs@bvca.net

THAYER COUNTY FCS

135 NORTH 4TH STREET
HEBRON NE 68370
PHONE: (402) 768-6704
thayerfcs@bvca.net

SSVF

620 5TH STREET
PO BOX 273
FAIRBURY NE 68467
PHONE: (402) 729-2278

GAGE COUNTY FCS

5109 WEST SCOTT RD, STE 402
BEATRICE NE 68310
PHONE: (402) 223-6034
gagefcs@bvca.net

SALINE COUNTY FCS

245 EAST 9TH STREET, SUITE 1
CRETE NE 68333
PHONE: (402) 826-2376
salinefcs@bvca.net

YORK COUNTY FCS

3401 NORTH LINCOLN AVENUE
YORK NE 68467
PHONE: (402) 362-3516
yorkfcs@bvca.net

FILLMORE COUNTY TRANSIT

1320 "G" STREET
GENEVA NE 68361
PHONE: (402) 759-3345
fct@bvca.net



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

—BVCA Client



Thank You!

The key to our success rests in people like you, who embody the spirit of greatness by saying, "Yes I can and so can you!" Thanks for your inspiring dedication and tremendous example to the world!!

Acknowledgement

Blue Valley Community Action Partnership would like to thank the counties, communities, agencies, businesses, partners and dedicated individuals who make the work of our organization successful and positive for those we assist. As we enter our 50th year, our private non-profit charitable corporation has become a major community resource for those in need throughout the area, as well as to our communities. It would not have happened without dedicated staff, community support and the hundreds of volunteers who assist us every year. We sincerely thank and acknowledge the generosity and community spirit of the people of Nebraska who are our fantastic neighbors, friends and supporters for their 50 years of support, partnership and donations.

Helping People ... Changing Lives

BVCA Partnership would like to extend a special "thank you" to those generous individuals, corporations, foundations, civic clubs, congregations and governmental entities who help make our efforts of "Helping People, Changing Lives" a reality. Although this space does not allow us to recognize each donor; every gift—large and small, monetary and inkind—is deeply appreciated.

\$1,000+ DONORS • Jay Bogle • Dennis & Kimberly Lichti • Donald & Rosa Lee Prochaska • Rob & Carol Schardt • Bill Sloup • Robert & Phyllis Smallfoot • Abate of Nebraska District 7 • Beatrice Education Association • Cattle National Bank & Trust • Concordia University • Cooper Foundation • Cornerstone Bank • Cornhusker United Way • Elks BPOE Lodge #1024 • Fairbury Elks Lodge BPOE #1203 • Farm Credit Service of America • Food Bank of Lincoln • Gage County United Way • Houchen Bindery • Land O'Lakes, Inc • Mutual of America • Nebraska Children and Families Foundation • Norris Power Goodwill Fund • Reinke Manufacturing Co., Inc. • Sandman Family Foundation • Seward County Children's Christmas Fund • Terpstra Foundation • Runza Restaurant • The Toro Company • Tri County Board of Realtors, Inc. • United Way of York • W & R Inc • Walmart • York Aerie No #3990 • York Community Foundation • **\$500-\$999 DONORS** • Fred & Lori Arnold • Byron & Geraldine Brigham • Timothy & Colleen Classen • Roger & Mary Fehr • Greg & Janet Jerger • Anthony & Michelle Kreifels • Jane Lewis • William & Rebecca Mize • Chris & Kimberly Roth • Aetna • Beatrice Public School • Bio Diesel Employees • Boy Scout Troop • Bresnahan Consulting Inc. • Casey's General Store • Farmer's Cooperative • Farmland Food, Inc • FPM Incorporated • Gage County Foundation • Homestead Early Risers Kiwanis Club of Beatrice • Hughes Brothers • Pinnacle Bank • Seward ARK • Smithfield Farmland • Twin Rivers • UNICO Group, Inc • York Wrestling League • **\$100-\$499 DONORS** • Ronald & Merrill Alfs • Carolyn Barnard • Jeffery and Susan Beauchamp • Steven and Beth Block • Betty Boitnott • Frederick & Patricia Branz • Donald & Linda Bristol • Vernon Browitt • Jerry Brueggemann • Dave & Joann Bruning • George & Beverly Clymer • R. Covault • Emma Dickey • Gene & Betty Dudgeon • Loren & Marcia Duerksen • Engelman • David & Sherry Fitzpatrick • Ryan (Mick) & Doris Gill • Bernard or Jeanne Hain • Althea (Letha) Hamm • Jeff & Amy Hammer • Carrie Haner • John & Connie Hanna • Arnold & Mary Heinrichs • Ed & Donna Hergott • Randy & Vicki Hesson • Jerre & Ardi Hoins • Greg & Kristie Holoch • C.G. Holthuskroeker • Shirley Huber • Barbara & Raymond Jantzen • Lois Kammerlohr • Audrey & Lauri Kilzer • Anna Kinnison • Jo Ann & Larry Kuester • Steven & Marisa Lemke • Carol Lind • Ronald & Minnie Lindvall • Mike & Beth Lucas • Todd & Heather Lytle • Teri Messerer • Delores Mielke • Thomas & Carole Miller • John Milligan • Richard & Anne Nation • Michael & Sara Naukam • Gene & Marilyn Nichols • Robert & Carol Nicholson • Marlyn & Janet Noel • Anna Nolan • Donlan Noojin • Sally Noyes • Maynard & Cathy Ochs • Mark & Lisa Peery • Neal & Joyce Prince • Barry & Annie Redfern • Lucianne Reichert • Edna & Clarence Reinke • Dwight & Barbara Schmidt • Martin & Sandra Schmidt • Dean & Donna Snyder • Donald & Rosa Lee Stara • Guy & Stacey Stark • Barbara Sylvester, LLC • Robert & Adelle Tonniges • Bruce Tracy • Ross & Susan Walkup • Lyle & Sherrill Wegele • Randy & Penny Williams • Linda & Daryl Wilton • William & Marilyn Wrigley • 3rd Street Body & Glass • America Cares LLC • American Legion Auxiliary Unit 27 • American Legion Auxiliary Unit 352 • American National Bank • Austin Insurance • Barton Development, Inc — Subway • Benedict Sunday School • Blue River Area Board of Realtors • BPO DOES #7 • Brainard Community Club • Bryan Medical Center • Butler County Farm Bureau • Byron State Bank • C&M Supply & Patrons • C-A-B Show Team • Café on the Square • Carleton Fireman Auxiliary • Chances "R" • Crete Rotary Club • Davenport Lions Club • David City Public Schools • David City Utilities • Diller 3-D Club • Doll Lovers Club • Ed Schulz, LLC • Fairbury Rotary Club #1520 • Farmers & Merchants Bank • Fillmore Central School • Fillmore County Hospital • First State Bank • First Tri-County Bank • Fraternal Order of Eagles Club • Fritz Ag, Inc • Geneva Rotary • Geneva Woman's Club • Great Plains Pest Management • Growth Management Corp. • Heartland Bank • Hebron Rotary Club • Horizon Food Service • Jefferson Community Health Center • Jensen Lumber • Jim Hergott Construction • Kiwanis Foundation Fund • Kopsa Otte & Associates LLC • La Carreta, Inc • Maverick Group LLC; DBA Chez Bubba Café • Midwest Bank • Network Consulting Services Inc • Nolan Transportation LLC • Northwestern Mutual of Nebraska • P.E.O. Chapter CC • Pizza Kitchen • Prairie View Industries (PVI) • Real Estate Account • REB Inc • Region Five • Risky's • Rotary Club of Beatrice • Rotary Club of David City • School District of Seward • Security First Bank • Seward County Sheriff's Posse • Seward Dairy Queen • Seward Jr. Women's Club • Sparetime Lounge • Stop N Shop • Sunny Days Daycare Center • Thayer County Health Services • The Shopko Hometown Foundation • Uneeda Beauty Salon • Union Bank & Trust • Utica Area Lions • VFW Samuel J March Post 7102 • VFW Auxiliary Post 4755 • VFW Ladies Auxiliary • VFW Post 1609 • VFW Post 5328 Thayer County Gold Star Post • Women for Racing • Xi Alpha Theta Chapter X2422 • York Elementary School • York FF Auxiliary • York Fire Department • York High School • York Lions Club • York Rotary Club •

