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Helping People. Changing Lives.

52 Years of Community Action!

1966-2018



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OUR MISSION

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



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.*



OUR SERVICE AREA

*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.*



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.*



NATIONAL COMMUNITY ACTION GOALS

*Goal 1: Individuals and families with low incomes are
stable and achieve economic security.*

*Goal 2: Communities where people with low incomes
live are healthy and offer economic opportunity.*

*Goal 3: People with low incomes are engaged and active
in building opportunities in communities.*



A Message from BVCA Partnership



David Dohmen
Board President
November 2017-Present

Community Action's motto is "Helping People, Changing Lives." Change is the spirit of Community Action. It was President Lyndon B. Johnson who called for sweeping change in his War on Poverty in 1964. Change that would improve the lives of all Americans, regardless of their circumstances.

Blue Valley Community Action Partnership has worked tirelessly over the past 52 years to create the change that President Johnson envisioned. Change that empowers individuals to live their best lives. Change that transforms communities. Change that will positively impact the future for generations to come.

Blue Valley Community Action Partnership has faced much change in the past 52 years. We have experienced innovative and successful opportunities, and we have fought many tough uphill battles. We have seen programs end and new ones begin. We have seen programs grow and expand. We have seen our programs spin off to partner organizations that share our aspirations for change.



Shari Wurtz-Miller
Chief Executive Officer
July 2018-Present

Blue Valley Community Action Partnership has also experienced significant changes in our Leadership over the past few years when three of our "trailblazers" retired. Kathryn Molczyk, who served the organization for 48 years as the Children Services Director and briefly as Volunteer Coordinator, retired in 2016; in 2017, Ardith Hoins retired from her position as Family & Community Services Director after 47 years with the organization; and most recently, Richard Nation, who served as the organization's CEO for 40 years, retired in June of 2018. Richard, Ardith and Kathryn played major roles in building BVCA Partnership into the organization it is today, and helped shaped Community Action across Nebraska. Our Board of Directors named Shari Wurtz-Miller as BVCA's CEO to oversee the mission of the organization. Shari has served the organization for 24 years, holding the positions of Children Services Director, Interim Health Services Director, and Deputy Director.

Blue Valley Community Action Partnership strives to offer quality services that brings change to individuals in the communities we serve. We welcome new opportunities and partnerships that allow us to continue our mission and bring us closer to our vision. Change is the only constant so we must embrace it. Change does not change tradition, it strengthens it. Change brings opportunity.

Leadership Team

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Children Services Director
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Human Resources Officer
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Board of Directors

FY 2018

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 Paige Smith, Senior Youth Leadership Council

TOP ADVOCACY ISSUES



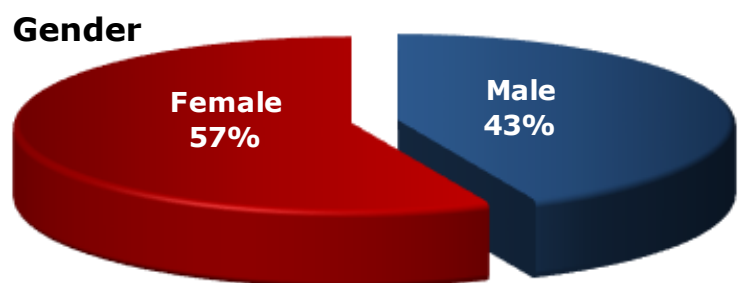
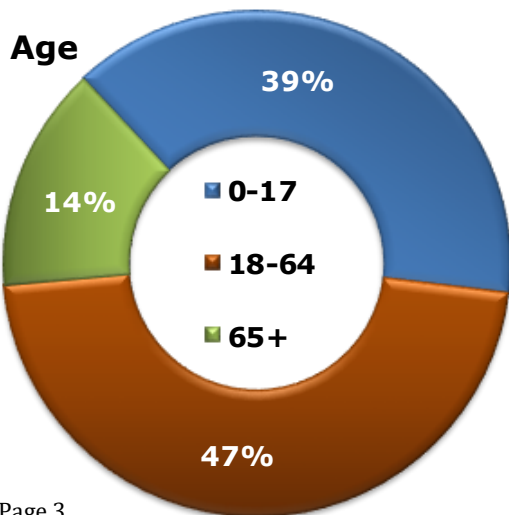
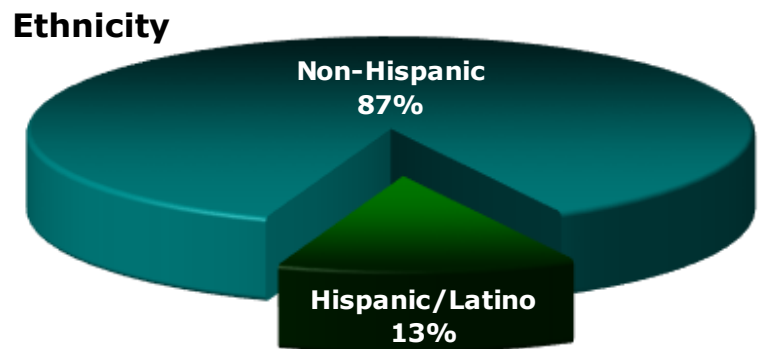
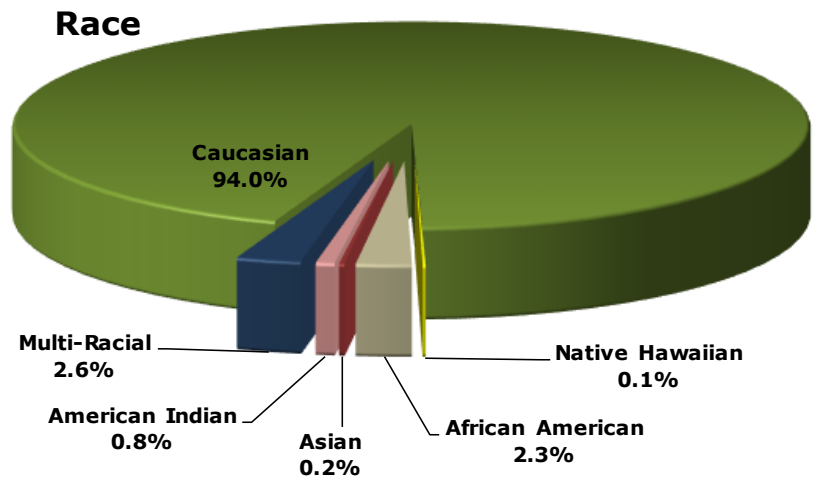
ADOPTED BY THE BVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 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 low-income.
- 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.



Client Demographics

FY 2018



Family Structure

The average community family size is 2.55 people per household compared to the average BVCA client family size of 2.24.

Family Size:

50%	One Person
19%	Two Persons
10%	Three Persons
9%	Four Persons
7%	Five Persons
5%	Six or More Persons

Household Types:

21%	Two Parents
16%	Single Parent
10%	Couple, No Children
48%	Single Persons
4%	Multigenerational
1%	Other



Poverty Among BVCA's Clients' Families

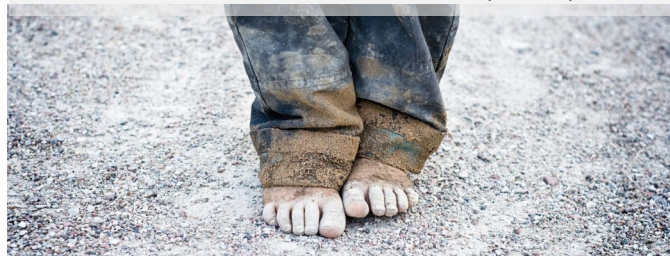
Percent of the poverty rate and percent of BVCA clients at that rate:

50% or less	26%	101%-125%	20%
51%-75%	15%	126%-200%	14%
76%-100%	<u>22%</u>	201% or higher	<u>3%</u>
	63%		37%

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

- * 50% of poverty is \$12,550 gross
- * 100% of poverty is \$25,100 gross
- * 125% of poverty is \$31,375 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.



Education

6%	College/Tech Graduates
10%	High School Graduates with Some College
26%	High School Graduates/GED
13%	Non-graduating Adults
45%	School Age & Younger



WORKFORCE

% of clients

Employed (either full or part-time)	26.6%
Self-Employed	.4%
Receiving Workers' Compensation	.1%
Receiving Unemployment Compensation	.4%
Retired	28.7%
Caregivers/Disabled	23.6%
Unemployed	20.2%



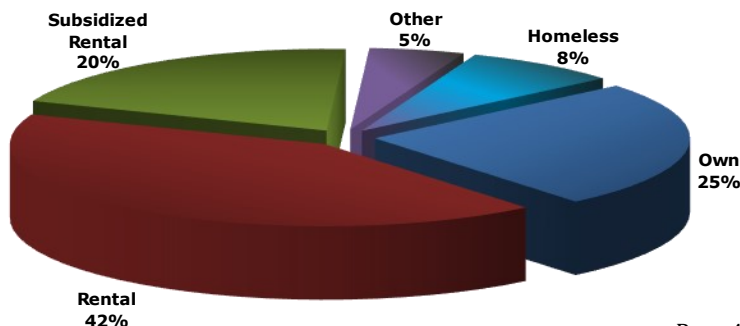
Insurance

% of Clients Change From FY 2017

No Insurance	22%	-1%
SCHIP-Children's Health Insurance Pool	17%	+2%
Medicaid	24%	+4%
Medicare	16%	NO CHANGE
Private Coverage	13%	+5%
Employer Provided	6%	NO CHANGE
Veterans Administration	2%	NO CHANGE



Client Shelter Arrangements





Programs—A Year In Review

FY 2018

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: 327
 - Medical Care: 3
 - Utility: 606
 - Transportation: 41
 - Shelter: 124
 - Clothing/Diapers: 55
- Unduplicated number for all these services total 977 individuals in 668 households.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES (SSVF)

Available: All BVCA Counties as well as Cass, Otoe, Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee, Richardson, Douglas & Sarpy Counties in NE, & Pottawattamie County in IA

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.

- 196 individuals (167 adults and 29 children in 147 households) were assisted.
- 84.2% were homeless; 100% obtained temporary financial assistance (rent, utilities, deposits, etc.).
- 15.8% were at-risk of becoming homeless; 100% obtained temporary financial assistance (rent, utilities, deposits, etc.).
- 63.3% were in permanent housing at the time of exit.
- 29 households were screened, but were not eligible for services.

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.

- 13 families with 44 family members (15 adults and 29 children) were served.
- Of the persons entering FIRST during the year, 11 of 13 came from emergency shelter.
- Program goal results included:
 - 20 of 20 individuals who exited the program remained in permanent housing.
 - 3 of 6 adults increased their income from entry to exit an average of \$739.33.

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.

- 2,412 individuals/947 households received food assistance.
- 9,473 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 2018, BVCA spent \$14,436 on additional items.
- In addition, Walmart donated 201,432 pounds of food (bakery items, fresh fruits and vegetables) to BVCA's Fillmore, Jefferson, Seward and York food pantries, which was distributed as part of the Feeding America program. An average of 501 individuals are served each month.

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 and 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 1,074 individuals were enrolled.
- A total of 9,776 monthly food packages were distributed.
- 222 individuals received home deliveries bi-monthly via 24 delivery routes, 9 of which are covered by volunteers.
- USDA value of food distributed through BVCA: \$168,520.64/year or \$14,043.39/month.
- Retail value of food distributed through BVCA: \$346,533.22/year or \$28,877.77/month.
- Average retail value of food given each participant per month: \$35.48.

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OUTREACH (SNAP)

Available: All BVCA Counties

BVCA Partnership is partnering with the "Food Bank for the Heartland" to increase awareness, provide education, and increase participation in SNAP. BVCA staff assist applicants with the online SNAP application.

- Staff assisted individuals by filing over 138 new applications, sending in verifications, and following up on cases.
- Outreach was provided at CSFP clinics, mobile food pantries, and housing authorities as it helps with follow-up and identifying the vulnerable population.

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 (SSI) and/or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI).

- 15 applications were filed.
- 4 applications were approved for SSI/SSDI and 11 denied; 120 days average to initial decision.
- 1 appeal was filed and approved; 163 days to appeal decision.
- Retroactive payments-SS = \$10,129.
- Average SSI award/month = \$665.

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.

- 2,076 information and referral services were provided.

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.

- 40 individuals were unemployed and got a job.
- 15 obtained skills/competencies required for employment.
- 24 obtained an increase in employment income/benefits.
- 8 achieved “living wage” employment.

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.

- 532 children participated in various holiday events. Of these, 157 were foster children.
- 31 fans were distributed for the Department of Health & Human Services.
- 57 youth participated in the Family and Youth Involvement (FYI) Center’s Project Santa and approximately 325 family members of the youth received gifts. The approximate value of the donated gifts totaled \$1,625.

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.

- 55 individuals received free clothing.

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.

- 2017-2018 Scholarship Recipients:
 - BVCA Partnership Scholarships—Naomi Thompson of Milford, Kayla Bonds of Exeter, and Kyra Dick of Henderson
 - BVCA Partnership Vocational Scholarships—Cassandra Horner of Bradshaw
 - BVCA Partnership SCC Scholarship—Blake Lilibeth Estrada of Fairbury, and Breanna Miller of Daykin
 - Daniel DePasquale Educational Scholarship—Sandra Cerceda-Esquivel of Crete

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 2018	Forever
Boardings	5,158	215,894
Days of Service	246	8,961
Miles Traveled	34,684	979,545
Average Monthly Elderly Ridership	240	
Average Monthly Non-elderly Ridership	180	

ONE WAY TRIPS			
Shopping	941	Education	823
Medical	648	Nutrition	168
Employment	7	Return Trips	2,571
			Total: 5,158
			Total without return trips: 2,587

RURAL SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA CONNECTED YOUTH INITIATIVE (RSNCYI)

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

RSNCYI is designed to serve “unconnected youth” age 14-25 who are currently or have been in the foster care system; have had contact with child protective services; do not have family support and have had experience with the juvenile justice system (within 6 months of exiting probation); or are homeless or near homeless.

- 133 youth were served.

OPPORTUNITY PASSPORT

Available: All BVCA Counties

Assists young people with the purchase of assets that are critical to their success as they transition into adulthood. The program is a matched savings, asset-building program that includes financial literacy education and asset-specific training. It is to help youth ages 14-25, who have experienced foster care, or have had juvenile justice involvement and/or have experienced homelessness or are at risk of homelessness, and have no family support.

- 51 participants completed three or more “Keys to Your Financial Future” modules.
- 4 of 51 participants used their savings to purchase an asset.

FAMILY AND YOUTH INVOLVEMENT CENTER (FYI)

Available: Jefferson County & 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.

- 298 children participated in FYI Center programming.
- 96 children received homework assistance.
- 72 children were involved in community betterment activities via the President’s Volunteer Service Award.
- 5 children were referred by school officials for issues in class such as behavioral problems and drop-out/throw-outs.
- FYI’s “Feed Your Neighbor” project collected 112 pounds of canned food for BVCA’s Food Pantry.
- FYI’s signature event is “Project Santa.” A total of 57 youth participated, and 325 gifts were wrapped.



“I don’t know how to thank you for continuing to believe in me.” —RSNCYI Youth



"I will never stop talking and telling others how BVCA saved my life." —Steven A., Retired US Navy

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 postpartum women. After medical and nutritional screening, eWIC cards are given to certified individuals for food from local stores.

- 830 individuals were served:
 - 189 women
 - 337 children
 - 304 infants
- 426 referrals to other services were given.
- Approximately 100 car seat checks were given to WIC families.

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.

- 43 women received services (20 pregnant and 23 postpartum).

IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (IAP)

Available: Fillmore, Jefferson, Saline & Seward Counties

Provides free immunizations to keep children and communities healthy from life threatening and/or debilitating diseases protecting infants six weeks of age or older, children and adolescents. Private pay vaccines are offered to all ages and BVCA files insurance claims.

- 489 individuals received a total of 1,421 immunizations.
- 750 private insurance immunizations were provided.

BRIDGE TO CARE

Available: Saline County

Provides breast health education to low-income and minority populations. Developed to bridge language and other barriers clients may experience in receiving health education and services.

From July 2018-September 2018:

- 145 individuals were educated in breast self-awareness and available breast health resources.
- 61 one-on-one and 2 group education sessions were held.
- Of those attending sessions, 2 women and 1 man went on for screening and received a diagnosis of cancer.

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.

- 8 individuals/3 households were assisted in purchasing their own home—leveraging \$146,250 privately with \$30,505 in down-payment assistance.
- 48 individuals participated in first-time homebuyer education online courses via ehomeamerica.org.

HOUSING COUNSELING

Available: All BVCA Counties

As a Housing Counseling Agency, BVCA provides housing counseling services to potential homebuyers. Housing Counseling services consists of pre-purchase workshops and one-on-one case management. Clients who are enrolled in the Housing Counseling Program will agree to make a 6-24 month commitment to get them "mortgage ready."

- 126 households received housing counseling.

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.

- 184 individuals/61 households in lease-to-own homes.
- 287 individuals/151 households in rental units.
- Managed 12 additional units for other owners through April 1, 2018.

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 neighborhoods as well as the community.

- 13 owner-occupied housing units were rehabilitated to reduce ongoing and future maintenance needs.

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 complete the work.

- Homes were weatherized for 49 individuals in 29 households.
- 1 new, high efficiency furnace was installed in a home.
- 5,416 total units have been weatherized since the program began in 1975.

HEAD START 0-5

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

BVCA Partnership's Head Start 0-5 program delivers comprehensive, 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 411 children received Head Start 0-5 services.
- Head Start:
 - 279 children/259 families/1,042 family members were enrolled.
 - Waitlist totaled 138 on the first day of school and 130 on the last day of school.
 - 236 health exams were provided.
 - 198 dental screenings were provided.
 - 223 were immunized.
 - 34,232 meals and 17,606 snacks were provided.
- Early Head Start:
 - 132 children/102 families/253 total family members were enrolled.
 - 23 pregnant women were served.
 - Waitlist totaled 54 on the first day and 49 on the last day.
 - 91 health exams were provided.
 - 48 dental screenings were provided.
 - 95 were immunized.
- 256 parents were employed at enrollment and 266 parents were enrolled at the end of the Head Start 0-5 year.
- Oral Health Access for Young Children: Head Start along with Public Health Solutions partnered to improve dental health of children in Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Saline and Thayer counties. Fluoride varnish treatments, iodine treatments, informational pamphlets, and educational resources were provided to children who participated. This will not be available next year as the grant is no longer funded.
 - 577 fluoride varnish treatments were provided.
- The following were the most identified areas of need for families receiving services either through BVCA Partnership or another service agency: 1.) Parenting Education—387 families; 2.) Health Education—389 families; 3.) Emergency/Crisis Intervention—69 families; 4.) Housing Assistance—31 families; and 5.) Mental Health Services—27 families.

AGES OF CHILDREN	
Prenatal	23
under age 1	36
1 year old	36
2 years old	40
3 years old	123
4 years old	151
5 years old	2
TOTAL	411

EARLY CHILDHOOD COLLABORATION

Available: Beatrice, Crete, Fairbury, Hebron, Wymore & York

The Nebraska Early Childhood Education Grant Program for ages 3-5 is designed to award state funds to public schools or Educational Service Units to assist in the operation of comprehensive early childhood education. The program is intended to support the learning and development of children who are three and four years old, and to increase opportunities for at-risk children to participate in early childhood education programs. BVCA Partnership collaborates with school districts to expand opportunities for more preschool aged children using the quality of Head Start as a model.

- 467 children, in addition to the 154 Head Start children, received services because of these collaborations.

SIXPENCE

Available: Seward County

Provides programs and services for infants and toddlers from birth to three who are most at risk. Promotes children's opportunities to experience positive environments that provide for their healthy growth and development during their earliest years. Home visits are provided to income qualifying families, pregnant women, and teen parents. Sixpence collaborates with Seward Public School, Milford Public School, and Centennial Public School.

- 28 children and 3 prenatal women were served.
- 864 Home Visits were held.
- 24 Play and Learns were held.
- Two teen parents enrolled in the program graduated from High School.

EARLY HEAD START – CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIP

Available: Jefferson & Saline Counties

Early Head Start partners with regulated center-based childcare providers who agree to meet the Head Start Program Performance Standards. The program serves children ages 6 weeks to 3 years of age. Each child receives quality care while their parent is working or attending school. Teachers use an evidence based curriculum for lesson planning and assessment. Other services are integrated, such as medical, dental, mental health, and parent involvement.

- 55 children/35 families/72 family members were enrolled.
- Waitlist totaled 29 on the first day and 46 on the last day.
- 39 health exams were provided.
- 15 dental screenings were provided.
- 29 children were immunized.
- 528 home visits were completed.

AGES OF CHILDREN	
Prenatal	1
under age 1	16
1 year old	21
2 years old	15
3 years old	2
TOTAL	55

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. This program provides developmentally age appropriate educational activities in all care settings and nutritionally approved meals to all children in a licensed facility.

- 71 children were provided with safe and affordable childcare.
- 98 children were provided with preschool.
- 11 families have more than one child enrolled at the center.
- 29,968 meals and 14,230 snacks were provided.
- The center is open 62.5 hours per week to accommodate the needs of working parents.

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: provides professional development opportunities and other support to family and center-based partners; assists in training and mentoring for their child care partners on infant and toddler issues and development; and observes and reports the best outcomes, greatest challenges for childcare partners who participated in the initiative, and measures of quality within the childcare partners' child caring environments.

- BVCA worked with 13 providers during FY 2018.

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*





Volunteers & Employees FY 2018

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. Friends of Blue Valley also tracks agency-wide donations.

VOLUNTEERS:

- 669 individuals volunteered in BVCA's centers and classrooms, and at various events.
- 48,460 hours were donated by volunteers.
 - 84 of our volunteers donated 100-499 hours!
 - 13 of our volunteers donated 500-999 hours!
 - 8 of our volunteers donated over 1000 hours!
- The value of hours donated totaled \$695,988.

DONATIONS:

- Agency-wide cash donations totaled: \$227,270.
- Agency-wide non-cash donations in the form of food, clothing and other miscellaneous items totaled: \$1,478,507.

GRAND TOTAL:

The grand total of cash donations, non-cash donations, and the value of volunteer time equaled \$2,401,765!

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.

- 52 Grandmas and 3 Grandpas served as Foster Grandparents.
 - 1 Veteran served as a Foster Grandparent.
- 275 children were mentored.
- 550 children were indirectly and positively impacted (children in classrooms where volunteers are serving, but are not receiving direct one-on-one).
- 50 children are awaiting Foster Grandparent services.
- 43,424.95 hours were served by Foster Grandparents.
 - 16 Foster Grandparents served 15-19 hours/week.
 - 30 Foster Grandparents served 20-29 hours/week.
 - 9 Foster Grandparents served 30-40 hours/week.



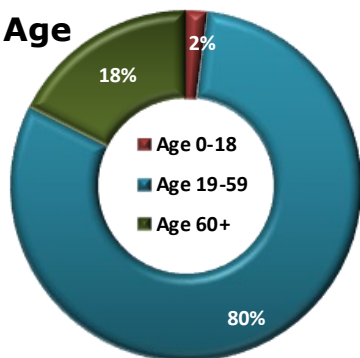
Special Needs	Children
Development Disabilities	3
Emotional Disabilities	15
Language Barriers	5
Learning Disabilities	35
Physical Disabilities	1
Visually Impaired	1
Other Special Needs	275

BVCA PARTNERSHIP EMPLOYMENT

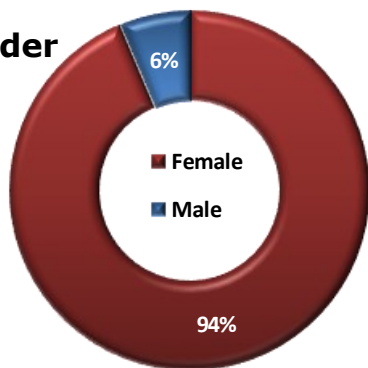
Blue Valley Community Action Partnership employed a total of 205 individuals over the past fiscal year:

- 132 full-time, 17 part-time and 56 on-call.

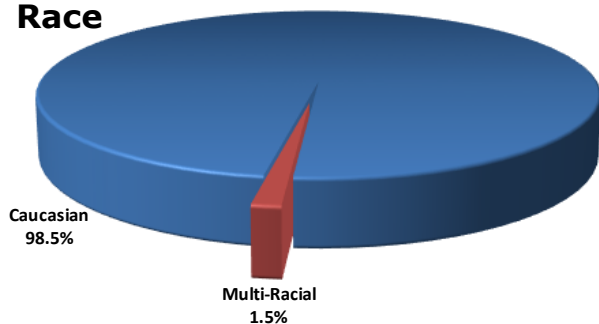
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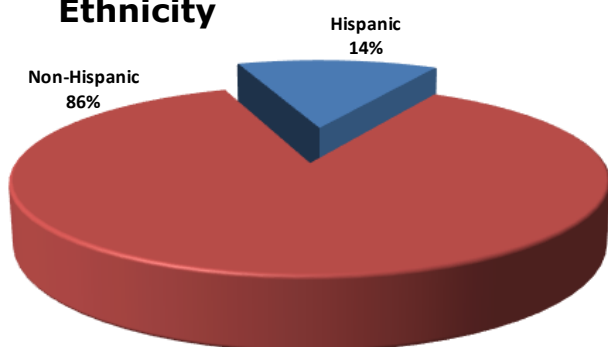
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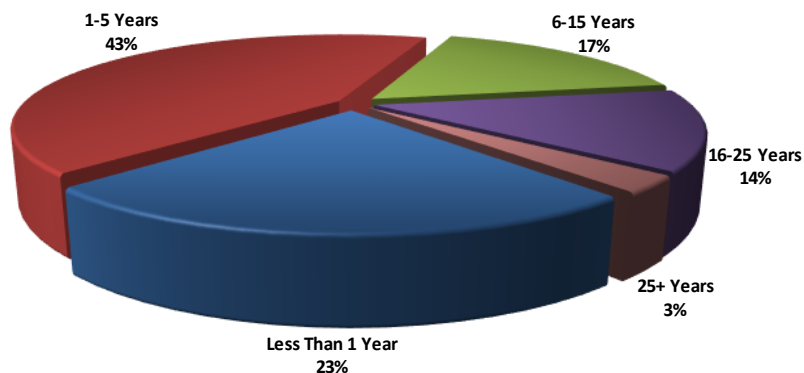
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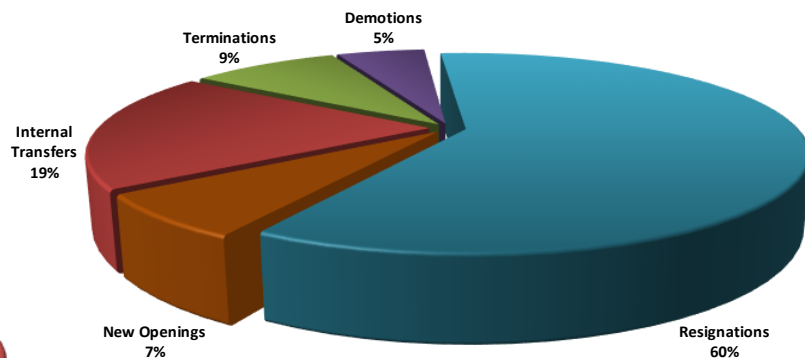
Education



Employee Stability



Turnover Rate





Financial Revenues & Expenses FY 2018

FEDERAL VIA STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

<i>HHS via:</i>	
Region V Systems	\$8,831.00
Region V SPF-SIG	\$26,723.00
DHHS Immunization Action	\$32,866.00
DHHS CSBG	\$317,954.00
DHHS/NEO LIHEAP Weatherization	\$119,983.00
NDE Early Childhood Initiative	\$54,223.00
<i>SSA via:</i>	
DHHS SOAR	\$29,952.00
<i>DOE via:</i>	
NEO WAP Weatherization	\$198,962.00
<i>USDA via:</i>	
NDE Childhood & Adult Food	\$91,101.00
DHHS WIC	\$318,262.00
DHHS CSFP (except for commodities)	\$94,320.00
<i>HUD via:</i>	
DED Emergency Shelter Grant Program	\$204,878.00
DHHS FIRST Rapid Re-Housing	\$18,773.00
<i>DOT via:</i>	
NDor Fillmore County Rural Transit	\$99,651.00
TOTAL:	<u>\$1,616,479.00</u>

FEDERAL VIA PRIVATE SOURCES :

<i>HHS via:</i>	
Community Action of NE ACA Navigator	\$1,025.00
<i>CNCS via:</i>	
Boys Hope Girls Hope AmeriCorps	\$21,160.00
Rural SE NE Connected Youth Initiative	\$79,081.00
<i>HUD via:</i>	
HMIS	\$842.00
<i>USDA via:</i>	
Food Bank of the Heartlands	\$22,962.00
<i>Connected Youth Initiative via:</i>	
Family Foundations	\$22,316.00
TOTAL:	<u>\$147,386.00</u>

PRIVATE REVENUES:

In-kind Donations Used As Match	\$1,149,911.00
Cash Donations	\$71,031.00
United Way Awards	\$14,575.00
Foundation Awards	\$20,173.00
Local Projects	\$104,329.00
Contracts	\$117,261.00
Fees	\$574,412.00
Rents	\$956,906.00
Corporate Investments	\$93,017.00
TOTAL:	<u>\$3,101,615.00</u>

FEDERAL DIRECT:

USDA CSFP Commodities Value	\$168,521.00
CNCS Foster Grandparents	\$226,791.00
HHS Childcare Partnership	\$847,120.00
HHS Head Start	\$2,376,731.00
HHS Early Head Start	\$1,170,632.00
HUD Supportive Housing	\$157,067.00
Veterans Affairs Support Services	\$379,593.00
TOTAL:	<u>\$5,326,455.00</u>

STATE REVENUES:

School Partnerships	\$147,480.00
NE Housing Trust Fund (HTF) Regional Rehab	\$228,398.00
NE HTF Home Ownership Program	\$87,619.00
NE Department of Economic Development	\$23,968.00
TOTAL:	<u>\$487,465.00</u>

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT:

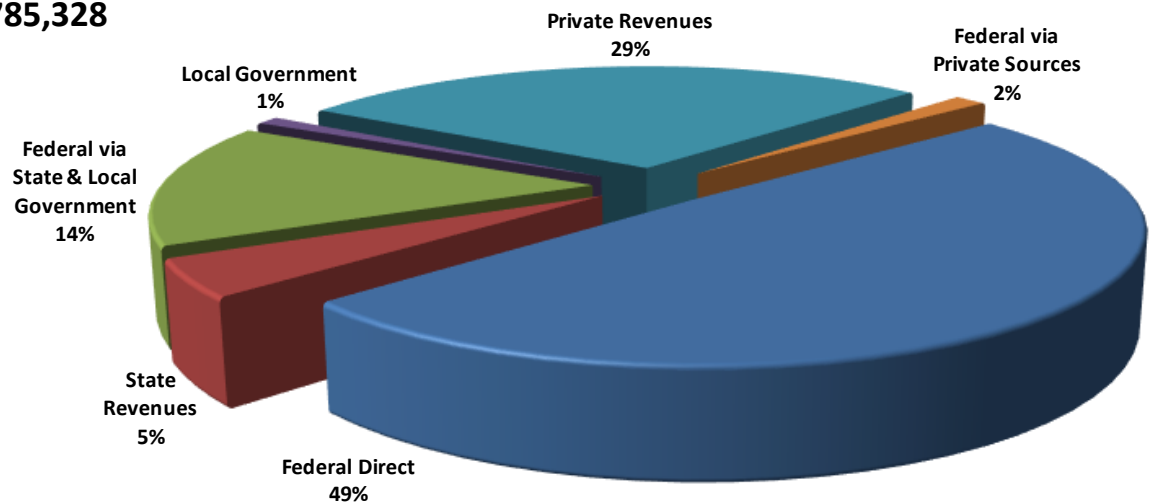
County Support	\$70,076.00
Juvenile Services Aid	\$24,837.00
City of Fairbury/Jefferson County	\$11,015.00
TOTAL:	<u>\$105,928.00</u>

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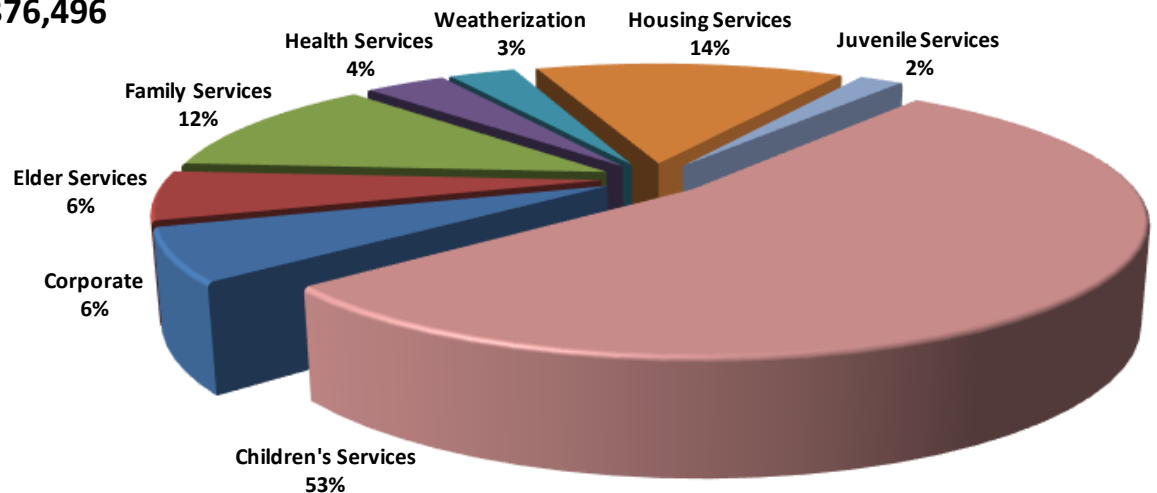
Not included in BVCA audit, as each is a separate company.

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Assets</u>
York CROWN, Ltd., York	\$78,461	\$1,106,886

BVCA'S FY 2018 TOTAL REVENUES:
\$10,785,328



BVCA'S FY 2018 TOTAL EXPENSES:
\$11,376,496



BVCA PARTNERSHIP LEVERAGE

- BVCA's core funding is the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). \$317,954 was granted last year, which is 2.95% of BVCA's total budget.
- For every dollar of CSBG, over \$33.92 was leveraged from other sources.
- For every \$1.00 of county support, BVCA leveraged \$153.91 of support from outside sources.
- \$9,646 of gaming revenue was generated.
- Volunteers donated 48,460 hours, which relieved BVCA of the need to raise \$695,988 additional dollars or hiring 23 full-time employees (FTEs) for each month of the fiscal year.
- Value of contributions of food, clothing and other goods to thrift stores and various programs totaled \$1,478,507.

BVCA'S FY 2018 ASSETS	
Beginning of the Year Net Assets:	End of the Year Net Assets:
\$7,078,315	\$7,428,507



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