

# St Joseph County Programs



In St. Joseph County, **Community Action** is proud to provide several vital programs. These include:

## St. Joseph County 2020 Impact

- Paid \$30,657 in utility assistance among 35 households.
- Paid \$37,498 in rental assistance among 15 households.
- 47 staff employed in St. Joseph County.
- 171 volunteers and parents completed \$547,163 in In-Kind activities, such as volunteering, or donating, for the Education and Children's Services department.
- 2 homes received \$10,890 in weatherization updates.
- Seniors received 1,689 Commodities Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) boxes, valuing \$84,450.
- Residents ages 18 and up received 678 boxes of food through The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), valuing \$33,900.
- 220 children attended Head Start, totaling \$1,754,372 in services.
- 50 children attended Early Head Start, totaling \$511,958 in services.

**Grand Total Spent in St. Joseph County:**  
**\$3,010,889**

- **Head Start**- provides a quality preschool education to children who are 3 and 4-years-old. Head Start is available free of charge.
- **Early Head Start**- supports infants and toddlers ages birth to 3-years-old as they begin the first stages of learning. This full-day childcare setting provides families an opportunity to focus on school or work.
- **Expectant Mothers**- promotes the physical and mental health of expectant mothers, infants, and toddlers, and overall family stability.
- **Foster Grandparent Program**- pairs seniors ages 55 and older with children in classrooms. This helps seniors to stay active and involved in their communities, while giving the child a mentor and one-on-one opportunities in the classroom. Volunteers receive a small hourly stipend.
- **Weatherization** - provides services which help to reduce energy use and, in turn, lower utility bills.
- **Emergency Utility Assistance** - helps to pay utility bills for low-income families. Bills such as water, electric, and gas, and deliverable fuels are included in this program.
- **Walk for Warmth**- raises funds and awareness for families struggling to afford heating costs in the winter. Funds raised assist with deliverable fuels, metered gas, or electric.
- **Commodities** - gives qualifying clients a box, valuing about \$50, of non-perishable food items during select months through The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and Commodities Supplemental Food Program (CSFP).



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