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COMMUNITY ACTION

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

Annual Report

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Individual, Family & Community Impact

Individuals Served

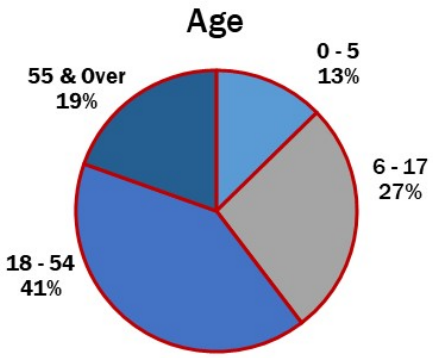
14,234

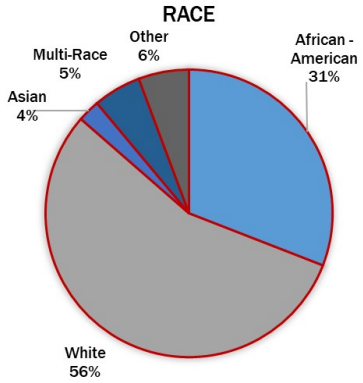
Households Served

6,104

Volunteer Hours

6,389





Community Partnerships

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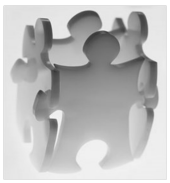
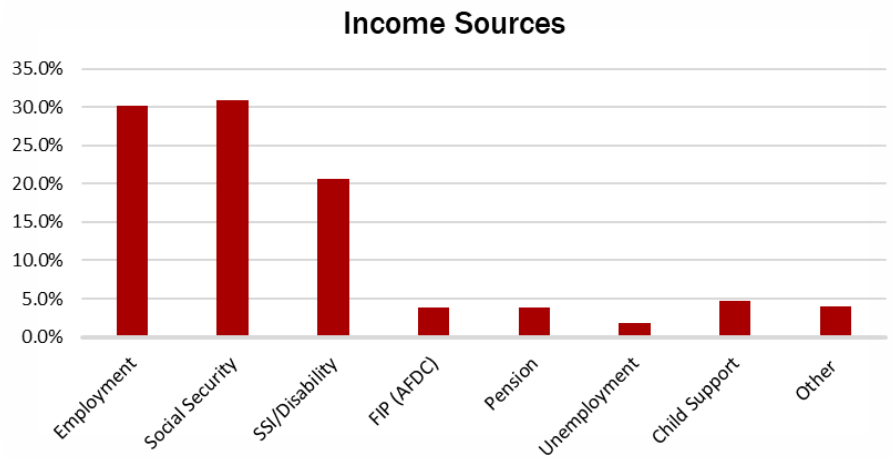
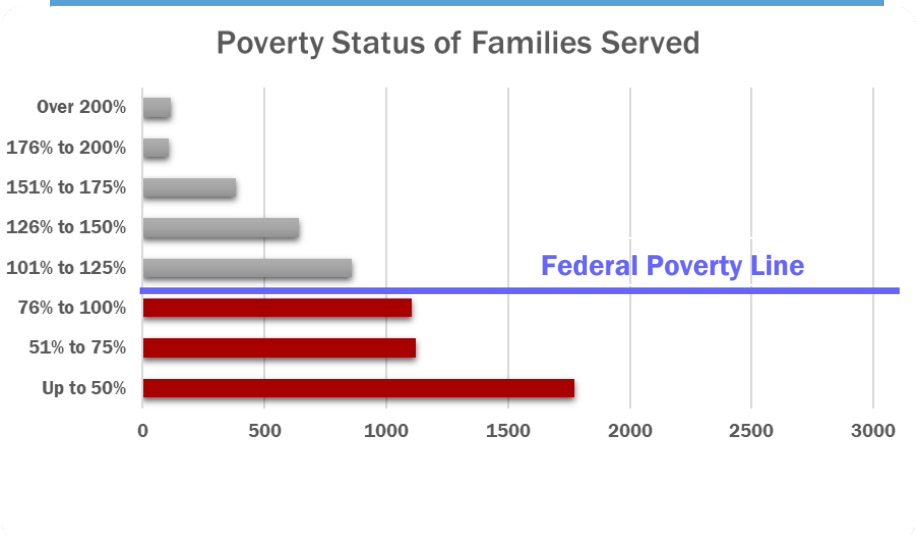


30% of our families earned income through work.



66% of our clients were living below the poverty line.



A few of our Community Collaborations & Partnerships

- Buchanan County Volunteer Services
- Cedar Valley Readers
- Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visitation (MIECHV)

Individual, Family & Community Impact, continued

Community Resources Department

Households Assisted with LIHEAP	Crisis Assistance Applications Approved
5,226	1,103

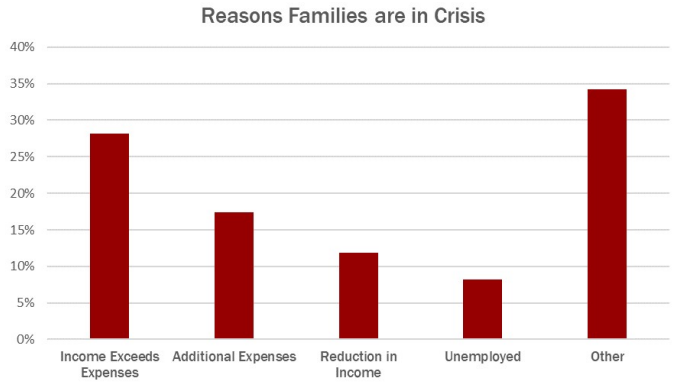
Community Resources Programs	Served
Low-Income Home Energy Asst. Program (LIHEAP)	5,226
Crisis Assistance	1,103
Pocket Change	156
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	91
Housing Assistance for Veterans	57
OT Refugee Services	365
Grundy County Food Pantry	572

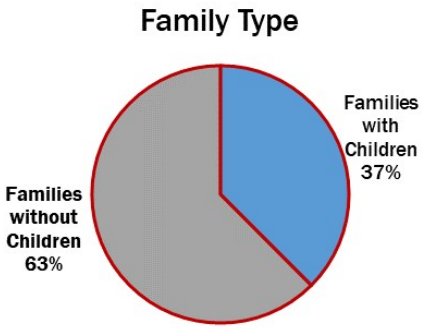
WIC Department

Women, Infants, & Children Served

7,256

WIC Program	Served
Women Served	2,113
Infants Served	2,420
Children Served	2,723
Breastfeeding Peer Counseling	
Women Served	816





Housing Department

Houses Weatherized

76

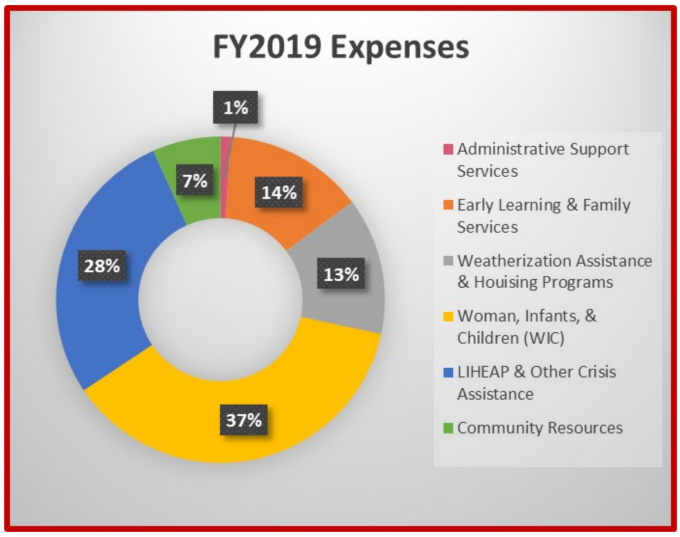
Housing Program	Served
Weatherization	76
Weatherization-Plus	3

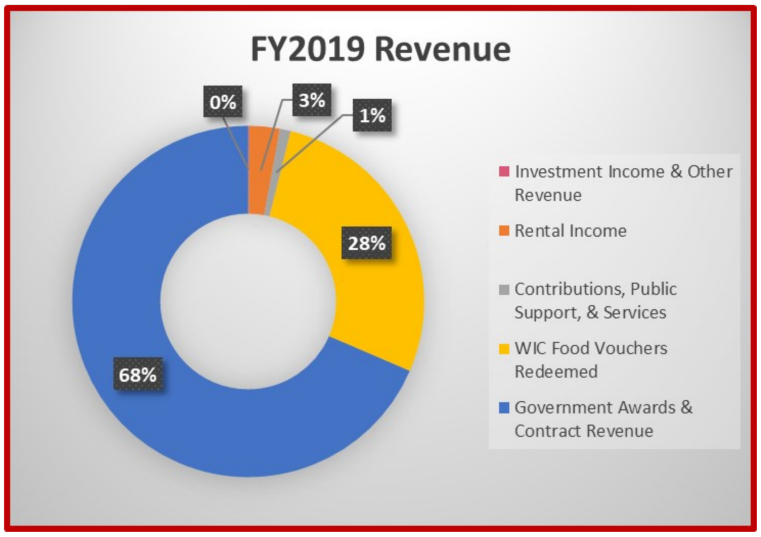
Early Learning & Family Services Department

Total Families Served	Home Visits Conducted
472	3,736

Early Learning & Family Services Programs	Families Served
Nest Program	263
Home Visitation Programming:	92
HOPES-Healthy Families	
Parents As Teachers	
Partners for Healthy Families	
Buchanan County Parent Education	
Maternal, Infant & Early Childhood Home Visitation Program (MIECHV)	116
Family Development & Self-Sufficiency (FaDSS)	154

Agency Impact





Operation Threshold Success Story—Provided by one of our Nest participants:

You can imagine this, you just found out your pregnant, the spin-the-wheel of emotions is going round and round. Then a friend says something to you or you see a flyer about different programs and resources that are available to you. Well you decide to check them out. Whether you're a first time parent or a 5th time parent or somewhere in between, it's new and you're going to have to shift or adjust the way you do life. Then after your baby gets here, other than the doctor, what social interaction do you have? You want to learn more, tips on how to be a better parent, person and spouse. Well that was me. A friend recommended I check this Nest thing out, she said I can get points for going to classes. Sounds simple right? So I went but I got so much more out of Nest than "just attending some classes" I learned a lot. I met amazing people who actually care about you and want to see you and your child(ren) grow and do better. I made some new mom friends as well. How it impacted my little girl is she is thriving in the social aspect. She loves the time where she gets to play with other kids while mommy learns. I've been going to Nest now for a little over 2 years, as I went to a couple classes while I was pregnant and in the beginning it helped to make me feel not alone and learn about different ways to be a better parent amongst other great topics. With the points system, I have gotten a car seat, a big gate and some other fun items that helped out immensely, especially when you have a lot of big ticket items you have to buy for baby. There is more but I want to leave you with this. I was a rolodex of emotions and Nest helped me with a lot of knowledge and made not only my child feel special and important but everyone in the program actually cares about you too. I feel it is a great resource in the community. It really helped me and if you use the program to its fullest (potential) then it really does change lives.

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