

You have the **ability** to reach **economic stability**.

We'll support you along the way.

Community Action's work to fight poverty is grounded in the belief that everyone has the ability to reach their full potential if provided the right opportunities. Our work centers on providing those opportunities to the people of Lancaster and Saunders Counties in four impact areas: Early Childhood Education, Homeless Prevention, Financial and Family Well-Being, and Hunger Relief.



Hunger Relief



The Gathering Place

Located at 1448 E Street in Lincoln, The Gathering Place serves free hot and nutritious evening meals. Monday through Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Anyone who needs an evening meal is welcome at The Gathering Place.



Our Programs and Services

Early Head Start and Head Start | Foster Grandparent Program | Affordable Housing | Displaced Tenant Assistance | Emergency Services | Representative Payee | Supportive Housing | Tenant Support Services | Financial Education | Health Access | Individual Development Accounts | Lincoln Community Response | Opportunity Passport™ | Tax Preparation | Weatherization | The Gathering Place | LanguageLinc, LLC



You can help Community Action fight poverty in Lancaster and Saunders Counties. Visit www.communityactionatwork.org to learn more.



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Providing **Early Childhood Education**, **Homelessness Prevention**, **Financial and Family Well-Being**, and **Hunger Relief** services in Lancaster and Saunders Counties.

We empower people living in poverty to reach economic stability.
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Early Childhood Education



Early Head Start and Head Start

Entering kindergarten is the first major step your child will make in his or her educational journey. Our Early Head Start and Head Start programs provide you and your family with all of the supports you need to prepare your child for kindergarten and a lifetime of success.



Three program options to best meet your family's needs:

CENTER-BASED: Provides center-based services in Lincoln and Wahoo:

- > **Head Start Center at Health 360**
Location: 2301 O Street | Lincoln, NE 68510
(located on the Health 360 campus)
Hours: Monday through Friday | 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM
- > **K Street Head Start Center**
Location: 1821 K Street | Lincoln, NE 68508
(within the west wing of the Purdue Global University building)
Hours: Monday through Friday | 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM
- > **Wahoo Elementary School**
Location: 2056 N. Hackberry Street | Wahoo, NE 68066
Hours: Monday through Friday during the school year with summer enrichment opportunities

HOME-BASED: Provides services in the home via weekly home visits with the opportunity to participate in twice-monthly playgroup activities.

BLENDED LEARNING: A combination of two weekly center-based services and weekly home visits.

Foster Grandparent Program

Our Foster Grandparent Program supports the developmental needs of children in our Lincoln based Head Start Centers.

We actively recruit seniors age 55 and up to participate in this program, who serve as role models, mentors, and friends to children with exceptional needs.



Homeless Prevention



Emergency Services

Our Emergency Services Program provides emergency financial assistance with past-due rent for households with an eviction notice, utilities for households with a disconnect notice, and rent deposit for households transitioning out of homelessness. The program also provides assistance to Lincoln tenants who have been displaced after their homes have been deemed uninhabitable. Case management, including budgeting assistance, is provided.

Supportive Housing

Our Supportive Housing Program transitions families experiencing homelessness into permanent housing. Families participating in the program receive regular in-home case management with a goal to become fully self-sufficient by program exit.



Tenant Support Services

Remaining in stable housing often simply means having the knowledge and tools you need to be a successful renter. Our Tenant Support Specialist is available to answer your questions as they pertain to landlord/tenant law in Nebraska and provide mediation as necessary.

Representative Payee

Our Representative Payee Program oversees responsible use of benefit payments for those receiving S.S.I. or S.S.D.I. and are required to have a Payee.

Affordable Housing

Through our subsidiary non-profit, Lincoln Action Program Housing Development Corporation, we provide safe, affordable housing through two low-income housing tax-credit financed rental developments in Lincoln and Wahoo.



Financial and Family Well-Being



Individual Development Accounts

Are you ready to purchase the home of your dreams, open or expand a small business, or pursue post-secondary education? Our IDA program provides **savings match** and financial coaching to help you get there.

Opportunity Passport™

In partnership with the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation, Opportunity Passport™ provides **savings match** and financial coaching to youth ages 14-26 who are in or have aged out of the foster care system. Savings and match may be used for housing, medical, education, vehicles, business start-up or expansion, or other purchases to support greater independence.



Financial Coaching

Navigating the ins and outs of managing personal finances can be tricky. We provide financial coaching and one-on-one support to give you the skills to save, build/improve credit, reduce debt, and more.

Health LNK

Our Health LNK program provides assistance to help you access health insurance, understand coverage, and find a medical home.

Lincoln Community Response

Lincoln Community Response is a system of supports focused on enhancing family well-being. The program provides case management and connects families to helpful community resources geared toward preventing entry into the child welfare system.

Tax Preparation Program

Our Tax Preparation Program offers free tax preparation services for households earning less than \$66,000 per year. Financial check-ups are also provided. Certifying Acceptance Agent for Individual Taxpayer Identification Number applications.

Weatherization

Does your home feel drafty? Do you think you are paying too much for utilities? Our Weatherization Program can assist with making your home more energy efficient. Services may include furnace and/or water heater repair/replacement, window/door weather stripping, and insulation installation. This program is available to both owners and renters in Lancaster and Saunders Counties.