Semcac’s Impact in Dodge County

**Mission:** *Empower and advocate for people to enhance their self-sufficiency by maximizing community resources.*

**Vision:** *Thriving individuals, families and communities leading a vibrant southeast Minnesota region.*

Semcac offers a network of partnerships and comprehensive assistance to help people in rural southeastern Minnesota communities. Semcac is an equal opportunity employer.

**Semcac locations in Dodge County**

- **Semcac’s Dodge County Outreach & Emergency Services** office and the **Dodge County Food Shelf** is located at 105 S. Mantorville Ave., Kasson. Local Office: 507-634-4350
- **Semcac Senior Dining** site is located at Sunwood Manor, 200 1st St. NE, Kasson.
- **Semcac Head Start** classroom site is located at 402 West Main Street, Kasson.
- **Rolling Hills Transit & Semcac’s Transportation Dispatch** office located at 400 Commerce Drive SE, Kasson.

**About Semcac**

Semcac was established as a private, non-profit organization in 1966. Originally known as the Southeast Minnesota Citizens Action Council, Inc., the agency’s legal name has been **Semcac** since 1995. Beginning in Winona, Fillmore and Houston counties, Semcac is now the designated Community Action Agency for seven counties—Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Houston, Mower, Steele and Winona. Additionally, Semcac provides limited services in five additional counties—Goodhue, Olmsted, Rice, Wabasha and Waseca.

Semcac offers over 20 programs from multiple locations, including the main office in Rushford, Semcac Center in Winona (Semcac Clinic), 7 county offices (Contact Centers), 9 Head Start centers, Transportation Dispatch Center in Kasson and 43 Senior Dining sites and/or kitchens. Semcac currently has a workforce of approximately 230 people.

Semcac has been connecting people with resources to ensure that they can achieve their goals of self-reliance and independence for 56 years. The agency invests private, federal and public dollars back into the southeastern Minnesota communities, to strengthen our greatest resource- the people.

**Volunteers Make a Difference**

Every year, volunteers from all of the counties we serve, join Semcac efforts to help people. Last year, 1,559 volunteers contributed **40,742 hours** to the programs and people we serve.
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Senior Nutrition results in seniors who are empowered to maintain their health and nutritional wellbeing and allows at-risk seniors to remain in their own home.

- The congregate meal site, Senior Dining, adapted for COVID19 restrictions and mitigation efforts by switching to delivered meals for seniors due to COVID19. Figures reflected below.
- 15,497 nutritious meals were delivered by Meals on Wheels volunteers to 151 Dodge County seniors in Claremont, Dodge Center, Kasson/Mantorville and West Concord.

Senior and Caregiver Advocacy results in seniors maintaining safe and independent living.

- 51 seniors and/or caregivers in Dodge County received individual assistance services to identify needs, access resources, make informed decisions and reduce feelings of isolation.

Energy Assistance results in keeping people warm by heating homes during the winter season, thus extending the limited, low household income.

- 246 households in Dodge County received assistance with their utility payments during the winter season. And, 55 households received additional crisis assistance.
- 13 households received energy related repairs, such as furnace replacement.

Weatherization results in greener communities, lower energy bills for low-income people, improves the health within the home, and creates new jobs.

- 13 households in Dodge County had their homes weatherized and learned more about energy conservation. 8 households received home conservation services funded through the local utility companies’ Conservation Improvement Programs administered by Semcac.

Head Start results in empowered families and young children who are ready for kindergarten. Head Start families receive comprehensive services from Semcac.

- 37 individuals (20 children and their families) were educated at the Head Start Center, in Dodge County during the program year.

Semcac Transportation results in people getting to their medical and dental appointments, senior dining and other locations to meet essential needs; assisting people with no other means of transportation.

- 10,372 rides were provided on Rolling Hills Transit buses in Dodge County.
- 2,281 rides were provided to 96 people via the Volunteer Driver Program in Dodge County.

Housing Rehab Loans result in improved living condition for low-income people and the preservation of quality affordable housing.

- 2 homes were assisted through the Minnesota Housing Owner Rehab Loan program, in Dodge County.
Outreach and Emergency Services supports people through a crisis and allows them to utilize their limited income (resourcefully & effectively) until they reach stability. This includes providing food security, homelessness prevention, community referrals, program application assistance & more.

- 1,102 people from 432 households accessed food for their families and extended their limited incomes by visiting the Kasson Food Shelf. These families visited more than once; we provided food shelf assistance 2,221 times.

- 42 families (156 individuals) received crisis/ emergency financial assistance for transportation, a medical issue, utility payment assistance or another immediate basic need in Dodge County.

- 29 individuals (17 households) received donated articles such as grocery gift cards or “Care and Share” assistance in Dodge County.

- 26 families (66 individuals) were assisted with payments such as rent or mortgage, provided with motel vouchers, or assisted with COVID Housing Assistance Program to prevent homelessness in Dodge County.

- Staff provided information & referrals (to other/outside organizations) to 315 individuals from 121 families in Dodge County. Staff also provided information & referrals within the agency to 827 households in Dodge County.

**Semcac Overall - FY2021 Statistics**

- Semcac served **19,283 unduplicated individuals** (9,993 households) in addition to providing **47,687 rides** via public transit, Rolling Hills Transit bussing.
  - **2,346 clients** were assisted via the COVID Housing Assistance Program (CHAP)

- Semcac has partnerships with **946** organizations.

**2021 Annual Report Video, via Animoto**

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Agency Resources

**Federal— $9,345,492**
- Department of Energy
- Department of Health & Human Services
- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Department of Transportation
- Department of Agriculture

**State— $3,219,997**
- MNCAG
- Minnesota Housing & Homeless Programs
- State Day Care & Early Childhood Programs
- State Energy Programs
- State Head Start Programs
- State Health Programs
- State Transportation Programs
- Department of Employment and Economic Development

**Local, Private and Other Funding— $4,017,043**
- Program participants, reimbursements from insurance providers, utility companies, contracts for services
- County government contracts and contributions
- United Way agencies, foundations, corporations or other nonprofit agencies
- Donations from individuals, businesses, churches and civic organizations & in-kind
- Income to offset expenses, miscellaneous and other income

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