

# 2020 Dodge County County Impact Report

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**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

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- The Dodge County Outreach & Emergency Services office and the Dodge County Food Shelf is now located at 105 S. Mantorville Ave., Kasson.
- The Semcac Senior Dining site is located at Sunwood Manor, 200 1<sup>st</sup> St. NE, Kasson.
- A Head Start classroom is located at 402 West Main Street, Kasson.
- The Rolling Hills Transit & Transportation dispatch center is located at 400 Commerce Drive SE, Kasson.

### About Semcac

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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—and provides services in five additional counties—Goodhue, Olmsted, Rice, Wabasha and Waseca.

Semcac offers over 25 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. We currently have a workforce of approximately 230 people.

This reporting period, in July 2019, the agency welcomed a new executive director, Doug Grout. Semcac has been connecting people with resources to ensure that they can achieve their goals of self-reliance and independence for 54 years. We invest private, federal and public dollars back into the communities to strengthen our greatest resource- the people.

## Impact in Dodge County - Helping Greater Minnesota's Rural Communities

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.

- 4,379 hot, nutritious meals were served in a congregate setting at Senior Dining to 64 seniors in Dodge County.
- 8,949 nutritious meals were delivered by Meals on Wheels volunteers to 75 Dodge County seniors in Claremont, Dodge Center, Kasson/Mantorville and West Concord.

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

- 23 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.

- 289 households in Dodge County received assistance with their utility payments during the winter season. And, 62 households received additional crisis assistance.
- 9 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.

- 6 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.

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

- 1 home was assisted with rehabilitation through the Minnesota Housing Owner Rehab Loan program, administered by Semcac, in Dodge County.

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

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

Outreach and Emergency Services supports people through a crisis and allows them to more effectively utilize their limited income until they reach stability.

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- 1,377 people from 465 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 2,699 times.
- 15 households in Dodge County attended budgeting or financial literacy education/counseling.
- 88 families (280 individuals) received crisis financial assistance for transportation, a medical issue or another immediate basic need in Dodge County.
- 121 families (520 individuals) in Dodge County were provided with holiday/Christmas presents who could not afford gifts during the holiday season, the majority of the gifts were for children and seniors.
- 265 individuals received donated articles such as coats, blankets, winter hats, clothes, in Dodge County.
- 15 families (41 individuals) were assisted with payments such as rent or mortgage, to prevent homelessness in Dodge County.
- Staff provided information & referrals (to other/outside organizations) to 309 individuals from 119 families in Dodge County. Staff also provided information & referrals within the agency to 1,476 households in Dodge County.

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.

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- 13,548 rides were provided on Rolling Hills Transit buses in Dodge County.
- 1,998 rides were provided to 131 people via the Volunteer Driver Program in Dodge County.

### Semcac Overall - FY2019 Statistics

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- Semcac served **23,448 unduplicated individuals** (12,410 households) in addition to providing **49,879 rides** via public transit, Rolling Hills Transit bussing.
- Semcac has partnerships with **973** organizations, as of fiscal year 2019.

### Volunteers Make a Difference

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Every year, volunteers from all of the counties we serve, join Semcac efforts to help people. Last year, volunteers contributed **67,808 hours** to the programs and people we serve. Thank you to all of our passionate volunteers!

## Agency Resources

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### Federal— \$6,705,346

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- Department of Energy
- Department of Health & Human Services
- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Department of Transportation
- Department of Agriculture



### State— \$4,684,089

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- 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— \$3,249,444

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- 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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