

2018 Freeborn County County Impact Report, FY2017

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Impact Report for Freeborn County | 2018

Information in this report is for the 2017 fiscal year; **Oct. 1, 2016 – Sept. 30, 2017**

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 Freeborn County

- The Freeborn County Outreach & Emergency Services office is located at 2202 Stevens Street, Albert Lea.
- Semcac Senior Dining sites are located at 2 different locations- in Albert Lea and in Alden.

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

Semcac offers over 25 programs from 70 locations which include the main office in Rushford, a Semcac Center in Winona, 7 county offices (Contact Centers), 9 Head Start centers, Transportation Dispatch Center in Kasson and 44 Senior Dining sites and/or kitchens. We currently have a workforce of approximately 236 people.

Semcac has been connecting people with resources to ensure that they can achieve their goals of self-reliance and independence for 51 years. We are the voice for the voiceless and invest private, federal and public dollars back into the communities to strengthen our greatest resource- the people.



Impact in Freeborn 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.

- 19,074 hot, nutritious meals were served in a congregate setting at Senior Dining to 381 seniors in Freeborn County.
- 5,131 nutritious meals were delivered by Meals on Wheels volunteers to 46 Freeborn County seniors in Alden and Glenville.

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

- 971 households in Freeborn County received assistance with their utility payments during the winter season. And, 237 households received additional crisis assistance.

Weatherization results in greener communities, lower energy bills for low-income people and creates new jobs.

- 21 households in Freeborn County had their homes weatherized and learned more about energy conservation. 33 households received home conservation services funded through the local utility companies' Conservation Improvement Programs administered by Semcac.
- 43 households received energy related repairs, such as furnace replacement.

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

- 3 homes were assisted with rehabilitation through the Minnesota Housing Rehab Loan program, administered by Semcac, in Freeborn County.
- 17 households received assistance with rehabilitation through the Small Cities Development Program in Albert Lea, administered by Semcac.

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

- 171 individuals from 90 households in Freeborn County attended budgeting or financial literacy education/ counseling.
- 34 individuals received crisis financial assistance for transportation, a medical issue or another immediate basic need in Freeborn County.
- 75 families (200 individuals) received donated articles, such as clothing and blankets, through services administered by Semcac in Freeborn County.
- 34 households were assisted with payments such as rent or mortgage, to prevent homelessness in Freeborn County.
- 609 households received family service advocacy in Freeborn County.
- Staff provided information & referrals (to other/outside organizations) to 988 individuals from 380 households in Freeborn County. Staff also provided information & referrals for services and program within the agency to 3,360 households in Freeborn County.

Semcac Overall - FY2017 Statistics

- Semcac served 21,016 unduplicated individuals in addition to providing 58,354 rides via public transit, Rolling Hills Transit bussing.
- Semcac has 1,176 partnerships with 965 organizations, as of fiscal year 2017.
- Semcac serves 7 southeastern MN counties and provides limited services in 5 additional counties.

Volunteers Make a Difference

Every year, volunteers from all of the counties we serve, join Semcac to help people. Their sacrifices bridge the generational gaps and inspire others. Last year **1,637** volunteers contributed **78,404** hours to the programs and people we serve. Thank you to all of our passionate volunteers!

Agency Resources

Federal— \$5,656,458

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

State— \$3,170,550

- 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— \$3,808,055

- Program participants, reimbursements from insurance providers, utility companies, contracts for services, etc.
- 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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