

2020 Freeborn County County Impact Report, FY2019

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Impact Report for Freeborn County | 2020

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 Contact 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 multiple locations, including the main office in Rushford, Semcac Center in Winona (including the family planning clinic, 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.

Semcac Overall - 2019 Statistics

- 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, in 2019.
- 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, volunteers contributed **72,629** hours to the programs and people we serve. Thank you to all of our passionate volunteers!

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.

- 16,794 hot, nutritious meals were served in a congregate setting at Senior Dining to 280 seniors in Freeborn County.
- 4,098 nutritious meals were delivered by Meals on Wheels volunteers to 51 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.

- 976 households in Freeborn County received assistance with their utility payments during the winter season. And, 259 households received additional crisis assistance.

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

- 22 households in Freeborn County had their homes weatherized and learned more about energy conservation. 21 households received home conservation services funded through the local utility companies' Conservation Improvement Programs administered by Semcac.
- 55 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.

- 7 homes were assisted with rehabilitation through the Minnesota Housing Rehab Loan program, administered by Semcac, in Freeborn County.

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

- 39 households in Freeborn County attended budgeting or financial literacy education/ counseling.
- 56 individuals received crisis financial assistance for transportation, a medical issue or another immediate basic need in Freeborn County.
- 58 families (174 individuals) received donated articles, such as clothing and blankets, through services administered by Semcac in Freeborn County.
- 36 households (105 individuals) were assisted with payments such as rent or mortgage, to prevent homelessness in Freeborn County.
- 48 households (153 individuals) received family service advocacy/ interpreting in Freeborn County.
- Staff provided information & referrals (to other/outside organizations) to 889 individuals from 342 households in Freeborn County. Staff also provided information & referrals for services and program within the agency to 1,960 individuals in Freeborn County.

Agency Resources

Federal— \$6,705,346

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

State— \$4,684,089

- 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

- Program participants, reimbursements from insurance providers, utility companies, contracts
- 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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