

2020 Mower County County Impact Report

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Impact Report for Mower 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 Mower County

- The Mower County Outreach & Emergency Services office is located at 111 North Main, Suite 201 in Austin.
- Senior Dining congregate meal sites are located at 2 locations in Austin, Twin Towers and Pickett Place.
- Head Start classrooms are located at 2 locations in Austin; 300 16th St NE and 912 1st Ave. NE.

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 provide services to help others through Semcac. In FY19, volunteers contributed 67,808 hours to the programs and people we serve. Thank you to all of our passionate volunteers!

Impact in Mower 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.

- 6,035 hot, nutritious meals were served in a congregate setting at Senior Dining to 48 seniors in Mower County.
- 4,678 nutritious meals were delivered by Meals on Wheels volunteers to 31 Mower County seniors in Adams, Dexter, Grand Meadow and Rose Creek.

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

- 1,145 households in Mower County received assistance with their utility payments during the winter season. And, 242 households received additional crisis assistance.

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

- 37 households in Mower County had their homes weatherized and learned more about energy conservation. 1 household received home conservation services funded through the local utility companies' Conservation Improvement Programs administered by Semcac.
- 47 households received emergency 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.

- 2 homes in Mower County were assisted with Small Cities Development Program projects.
- 4 households in Mower County was assisted with rehabilitation through the Minnesota Owner Rehab Loan program administered by Semcac.

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

- 182 children and their families were educated at the Head Start centers in Mower County, during the program year.
- 92 children (age birth – 3 years) and/or pregnant women received Early Head Start services, at their home, in Mower County.

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

- 47 households in Mower County attended budgeting or financial literacy education/counseling.
- 43 households were assisted with payments such as rent or mortgage, to prevent homelessness in Mower County.
- Staff provided information & referrals (to other/outside organizations) to 2,005 individuals from 771 households in Mower County. Staff also provided information & referrals within the agency to 4,460 households in Mower 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 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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