

2020 Steele County County Impact Report

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Impact Report for Steele County | 2020

Information in this report is for the 2018 fiscal year; **Oct. 1, 2018 – Sept. 30, 2019**

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 Steele County

- The Steele County Outreach & Emergency Services office is located at 545 Dunnell Drive in Owatonna.
- Semcac Senior Dining sites are located at 4 different locations in Steele County, including in Blooming Prairie, in Ellendale and at two locations in Owatonna.
- A Semcac Head Start center classroom is located at 1820 Hartle Ave. in Owatonna.

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 **23,488** 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 Steele 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.

- 12,237 hot, nutritious meals were served in a congregate setting at Senior Dining to 427 seniors in Steele County.
- 7,338 nutritious meals were delivered by Meals on Wheels volunteers to 78 Steele County seniors in Blooming Prairie, Ellendale, Medford and Owatonna.

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

- 61 unduplicated seniors and caregivers in Steele County received individual assistance 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.

- 621 households in Steele County received assistance with their utility payments during the winter season. And, 155 households received additional crisis assistance.

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

- 9 households in Steele County had their homes weatherized and learned more about energy conservation. 11 households received home conservation services funded through the local utility companies' Conservation Improvement Programs administered by Semcac.
- 22 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.

- Semcac Housing offers Housing Rehabilitation Programs, such as Small Cities Development, and loan programs for homeowners. In Steele County 3 homes were rehabilitated through the MN Owner Rehab Loan Program in 2019.

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

- 26 households in Steele County attended budgeting or financial literacy education/counseling.
- 129 individuals from 48 households received crisis financial assistance for transportation, a medical issue or another immediate basic need in Steele County.
- 22 households were assisted with payments such as rent or mortgage, to prevent homelessness in Steele County.
- Staff provided information & referrals (to other/outside organizations) to 1,698 individuals from 653 households in Steele County. Staff also provided information & referrals within the agency to 2,624 households, from Steele County.

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

- 75 children and their families were educated at the Head Start Center in Steele 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.

- 724 rides were provided to 88 individuals utilizing the Volunteer Driver Program in Steele 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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