

Steele County

FISCAL YEAR 2022 RESULTS



[Semcac.org](https://www.semcac.org)

About Semcac

Semcac is a nonprofit, 501c3 Community Action Agency designated to serve southeastern Minnesota. Established in 1966, Semcac serves the counties of Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Houston, Mower, Steele & Winona. Limited services are also provided in Olmsted, Goodhue, Rice & Wabasha counties. Semcac provides services to assist low-income &/or at-risk populations & addresses community needs.

Annual Full Agency Results



SERVED
21,512

INDIVIDUALS
(UNDUPLICATED)



FROM
10,951

HOUSEHOLDS

&



PROVIDED
49,684
BUS RIDES

Thank you volunteers!

44,951 hours donated by 926 volunteers to Semcac.

--MISSION--

Empower & advocate for people to enhance their self-sufficiency by maximizing community resources

LOCATIONS IN STEELE COUNTY

- 1 Steele Cty Contact office
545 Dunnell Dr., Owatonna
- 2 Senior Dining Sites:
-Senior Center, 134 3rd Ave SE, Blooming Prairie
-Cedar Place apts, 2211 Hartle Ave., Owatonna
-Senior Place, 500 Dunnell Dr., Owatonna
- 3 Semcac Head Start classroom
565 20th St NE, Owatonna

Semcac's Impact in Steele County

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.

- 13,627 hot, nutritious meals were served in a congregate setting at Senior Dining to seniors age 60+ & spouses, in Steele County. A Registered Dietitian approves meals.
- 40,210 nutritious meals were delivered by Meals on Wheels volunteers to Steele County seniors in Blooming Prairie, Ellendale, Medford and Owatonna.

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

- 54 unduplicated seniors and caregivers in Steele County received individual assistance to identify needs, access resources, make informed decisions and reduce isolation.

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

- 674 households in Steele County received assistance with their utility payments during the winter season. And, 165 households received additional crisis assistance.

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

- 14 households in Steele County had their homes weatherized and learned more about energy conservation. 2 households received home conservation services funded through the local utility company Conservation Improvement Programs administered by Semcac.
- 18 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.

- 1 household was assisted via the Minnesota Housing Owner Rehab Loan Program, in Steele County. Semcac continues to offer rehab loans in Steele County.

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.

- 80 individuals (45 children and their families) were educated at the Head Start classrooms, in Steele County during the program year.

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

- 147 individuals received crisis financial assistance for transportation via the Car Repair Program in Steele County.
- 17 families (42 individuals) were assisted with payments such as rent or mortgage, provided with motel vouchers to prevent homelessness in Steele County.
- Outreach & Emergency Services staff provided information & referrals to other/outside organizations for 1,453 individuals from 559 families in Steele County. Staff also provided information & referrals within the agency to 4,035 people in Steele 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 transportation.

- 646 rides were provided to 85 individuals utilizing the Volunteer Driver Program in Steele County. Volunteer drivers use their own vehicle to provide rides.

Tripartite Board of Directors

Neil Witzel, President - Dodge County
Tim Tjosaas - Dodge County
Greg Peterson – Dodge County
Larry Hindt - Fillmore County
Ruth Fallon, Treasurer - Fillmore County
Karen Johnson - Fillmore County
Open - Freeborn County
Brad Edwin - Freeborn County
Patricia Coleman – Freeborn County
Open Position – Houston County
Bob Burns - Houston County
Larry Connery - Houston County

Janice Ball, Secretary - Mower County
Polly Glynn - Mower County
Tina Bell - Mower County
Open position- Steele County
Rick Gnemi - Steele County
Rick Wittrock, Vice Pres.- Steele County
Brenda Boettcher - Winona County
Joe Hoffman - Winona County
Dwayne Voegeli- Winona County

Brian Lipford –Attorney Liaison

Contact Us & Stay Informed

Douglas Grout, Executive Director
Doug.grout@semcac.org

Semcac.org/donate
Like & Follow @Semcac on social media

