Try to be a rainbow in someone’s cloud.
~ Maya Angelou
From the Executive Director

Friends,

I hope you enjoy reading the 2022 Annual Report. This Publication is full of information about our programs and services, as well as how many clients we have served throughout the year. Many blessings, positive changes and so much need are the three themes that come to mind as I try to sum up 2022.

Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership (NENCAP) was blessed to have an amazing team of over 100 employees that work hard every day to carry out our mission "People helping people; empowering individuals, strengthening families and enriching communities in Northeast Nebraska." In addition, our partnerships such as local health departments, area schools and community churches are vital in helping us provide services in many small towns across our 14-county service area.

NENCAP served a total of 10,953 people in 2022. The agency provided 4,058 immunizations including the COVID-19 vaccine. Our Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program provided housing and case management services to 61 Veteran households this year. The Family and Community Services Program provided stability and peace of mind for 3,411 individuals this year with food, housing, case management and/or referral coordination. NENCAP's early childhood programs served 313 children this year through Head Start and Early Head Start. These early childhood programs promote the school readiness of infants, toddlers and preschool-aged children from low-income families. Services are provided in a variety of settings including centers, schools and homes. The program is very family-focused. Another program that serves the whole family is called the Healthy Families Home Visitation Program. This is a nationally accredited program that served 70 families in their homes on a weekly basis. The Women, Infants and Children's Program (WIC) provided nutrition and health education as well as benefits to purchase foods high in protein, Vitamin C and iron to 5,368 participants. The Weatherization Program determines the necessary energy efficiency measures for each unique home. This fiscal year, NENCAP's Weatherization Program served 122 individuals.

Would you like to help NENCAP in 2023? You can volunteer, donate to our client assistance fund, or spread the word about our programs and services! We want as many people as possible to know about NENCAP, so we can continue to carry out our mission for years to come. Thank you for your support, and I look forward to leading this great organization in 2023.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
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Mission Statement, Board of Directors, Strategic Plan

Mission Statement:

"People helping people; empowering individuals, strengthening families and enriching communities in Northeast Nebraska."

Board of Directors:

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Ted Connealy - Burt County
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Strategic Plan Goals:

- Enhance awareness and strengthen agency culture.
- Develop skills leading to economic security
- Improve awareness of mental health services and providers.
Agency History

Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership (NENCAP), Inc. is a private, non-profit corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of Nebraska, and headquartered in Pender, Nebraska. The agency was chartered in 1966 as the Thurston County Community Action Council under the provisions of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. The agency's first home was in Macy, Nebraska serving the residents of Thurston County. In 1967, the office moved from Macy to Walthill. The agency's first programs were Head Start, Commodities Supplemental Food Assistance and Weatherization. As the service area grew, the central offices were relocated to Wisner. Due to the agency's growth into four buildings in Wisner, the goal was to secure a building large enough for all staff to be in one building. In March of 2012, the agency was able to achieve its goal after the Pender Hospital moved into a new facility. The agency then moved to Pender, so all staff could be under one roof.

In March of 2012, the agency also changed its name from Goldenrod Hills Community Action, Inc. to Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc. The change in the name is part of an ongoing national initiative to highlight anti-poverty efforts underway at Community Action Agencies across the country. The initiative, spearheaded by the national office of the Community Action Partnership, is designed to increase awareness of Community Action America's poverty fighting network.

NENCAP serves an income-eligible population in a 14-county area of Northeast Nebraska, including the counties of Antelope, Burt, Cedar Cuming, Dakota, Dixon, Dodge, Knox, Madison, Pierce, Stanton, Thurston, Washington and Wayne.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

One can enjoy a rainbow without necessarily forgetting the forces that made it. ~ Mark Twain
How you can help:

If you would like to contribute to funding NENCAP’s mission, please visit our website at www.nencap.org or contact Amy Munderloh, Executive Director, at (402)385-6300 ext. 203. Donation from supporters of Community Acton help us to serve the many clients who are in need of assistance in our 14 county service area.

Funding Sources:

Anthem Inc
Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
Cuming County Public Power
Department of Energy (DOE)
Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP)
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Fremont Area Community Foundation
Gains and Associates
Greenberg Foundation
HBE LLP Certified Public Accountants
Head Start Private Donations
Healthy Blue
Local Churches

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
Medica Foundation
Minnesota Pork Producers Association
Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program (NHAP)
Private Individual Donations
Siouxland Community Foundation
Sixpence
Tyson Foods
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
United States Veterans Administration
Wayne Area United Way
Total Budget

$9,860,705

Total Operating Budget from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022.

$1,134,483
Support Services
- $852,453 - Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
- $25,966 - Client Assistance Fund
- $256,064 - Administration

$1,019,256
Health
- $219,752 - Immunizations
- $106,731 - Early Development Network (EDN)
- $692,773 - Healthy Families Home Visitation

$1,325,716
Food and Nutrition
- $1,069,458 - Women, Infants & Children (WIC)
- $256,258 - Commodities Supplement Food Program (CSFP)

$5,072,576
Education
- $5,069,880 - Head Start
- $2,696 - DOL Staff Training

$1,308,674
Housing
- $618,817 - Weatherization
- $335,367 - Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program (NHAP and COVID ESG)
- $345,429 - Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)
- $9,061 - Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP)
Employee of the Year

Each year since 2004, staff at Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc. are given the opportunity to nominate a coworker to be recognized as the "Employee of the Year".

Nominations are reviewed by a committee of NENCAP Program Directors and an employee is chosen. The winner is announced at the annual All-Staff Training held each Fall.

This year’s NENCAP "Employee of the Year" is Doly Blanco. Doly began her employment with NENCAP in June of 2020 as a WIC and Health Services Program Aide and became a Bilingual Healthy Families Advocate in Pender in October of 2021.

A few of the comments on Doly's nomination form included: "I nominate Doly because she exemplifies the spirit of Community Action. She has positively impacted people in the Hispanic and immigrant communities. She helps families advocate for themselves and empowers them to be self-sufficient. Doly is a role model, always friendly, has a positive attitude and mentors co-workers and new staff. She is amazing and I wish there was more of her!"

Doly lives in West Point with her husband and has 4 adult children and 2 grandchildren.

Upon recognition, Doly stated, "I'd like to thank NENCAP for naming me as "Employee of the Year". It is truly an honor to be worthy of this title. I will continue to do my best and hope to attain even greater accomplishments for myself and the agency."

Don't seek to be happy; let everyone else chase after that rainbow. Seek to be kind and you'll find the rainbow follows you. ~ Richelle E. Goodrich
$10,147.44
In additional value annually added to employee compensation by the employee benefits package ($4.88/hour). This includes health, life, vision and dental insurance as well as the Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

39%
Of individuals accepting employment offers with the agency, were currently unemployed at the time of the offer.

308
Applications for employment were received in Fiscal Year 2021-2022.
10,953
Clients served in Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Income
- 77% of clients made less than the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for their household size.
- 21% of clients make less than 50% of FPL.
- 19% of clients make between 101-125% of FPL.

Race & Ethnicity
- 81% of clients are white.
- 85% of clients are Non-Hispanic/Latino.

Health
- 31% of clients have a disabling condition.
- 86% of clients have health insurance.

Housing
- 61% of client households rent their homes.
- 29% of clients own their homes.

Age
- Over half of clients served are children under 18 and senior citizens over age 65
Early Childhood Education

NENCAP’s Early Childhood Education programs help young children prepare to succeed in school through local programs. The majority of children served by these essential programs are from families with an income below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level.

62,908

Meals and snacks were provided to Head Start and Early Head Start children in Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

29

Early childhood classrooms within the service area.

- 9 independent early childhood sites.
- 7 school partnerships.

313

Children were served by Head Start & Early Start.

- 261 children enrolled in Head Start.
- 52 children enrolled in Early Head Start.
**Food and Nutrition**

**$159,622.50**

Total value of food and goods donated to NENCAP food pantries in Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

**$133,680.00**

Value of Farmers to Families food boxes distributed.

**$266,500.00**

Value of CSFP food boxes distributed to Senior Citizens.

**Food Pantry**

*NENCAP was able to provide 786 food pantry services.*

- 39% of food pantry clients were children under age 18.
- 29% of food pantry clients were children ages 0-12.

**Commodities Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)**

*Commodities were provided to 663 seniors ages 60 and over.*

- 39% of seniors served had a household income below $10,000 annually.
- 59% of CSFP clients served had one or more disabling conditions.

**Farmers to Families**

*Boxes of produce, dairy and occasionally meat were distributed to clients as part of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program provided by the USDA.*

- 11,050 food boxes were distributed in Fiscal Year 2021-2022.
The Health Services Programs at NENCAP include Immunizations, Healthy Families, and Early Development Network (EDN) Services Coordination. The services provided by these programs are centered around making health care accessible, high quality and client-centered.

4,058
Vaccines were given by the NENCAP Immunization Program.
- 844 COVID-19 Vaccines were given.
- 751 Flu shots were given.
- 774 children received 2,964 vaccines.
- 787 adults received 1,094 vaccines

809
Home visits were completed by the NENCAP Healthy Families Program.
- 70 families were served by Healthy Families.
- 87% of children enrolled in Healthy Families had a family member who read, told stories or sang songs with their child every day.
- 93% of infants were placed to sleep on their backs without bed sharing or soft bedding.

533
Resources and referrals were provided to families served by the Early Development Network (EDN).
- 108 children and their families were served by the EDN Program.
Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

$167,847.61
In services including rent, utilities, deposits, transportation, daycare, etc. were provided to Veterans and their families.

117
Household members in 61 Veteran households received services from NENCAP’s SSVF Program.

133%
NENCAP was able to provide 133% of initially targeted services to Veterans.

76%
Of those Veteran households receiving housing assistance, 76% were able to independently exit the program with stable housing following receipt of SSVF services.
Support Services programs at NENCAP provide assistance to clients for both rent and utilities as well as deposits to establish stable housing. Additionally, Family Services staff are able to provide tax preparation assistance, budgeting, case management and other services as available to NENCAP clients.

3,411
Clients were served by NENCAP Family Services.

$340,650.00
In eligible refunds were received by the 172 households served through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA).

2,878
Hours of volunteer service were donated to NENCAP Programs during Fiscal year 2020-2021.

1,203
Clients received rent and/or utility assistance from NENCAP.
- 668 clients received rental assistance.
- 286 clients received utility assistance.
- 249 clients received rent and/or utility deposit assistance.
$2,588,730.34

In WIC benefits were redeemed in WIC approved grocery stores, putting those funds back into community economies in the service area.

42

Grocery stores and pharmacies in the services area are approved to accept WIC benefits.

2,803

Families served in Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

5,368

Clients were served by NENCAP's WIC program.

- 1,667 infants under 1 year were enrolled.
- 2,193 children ages 1-5 were enrolled
- 1,508 pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women were enrolled.

Breastfed Infants

- 238 infants enrolled were exclusively breastfed.
- 685 infants enrolled were breastfed at some point.
- 447 infants enrolled were partially breastfed.
- 982 infants enrolled were formula fed.

Increased Fruit and Vegetable Benefits

Through December 31, 2022 Fruit and Vegetable Benefits have increased for WIC clients.

- $24 for children.
- $43 for pregnant, postpartum and some breastfeeding mothers.
- $47 for women who are fully or mostly breastfeeding their infants.
- $70.50 for women who are fully breastfeeding multiples.
The Weatherization Assistance Program plays a key role in making homes more livable and healthy for at risk families. It not only decreases energy costs but also has proven to decrease doctor visits and improve health outcomes relating to respiratory and other health issues for those living in weatherized homes.

$267,941.71
Invested back into local economies through weatherization efforts including contract labor, supplies, etc.

$142,818.28
In Weatherization funds were spent on health and safety measures including but not limited to: carbon monoxide detectors, smoke detectors, ventilation to prevent mold and replacing faulty furnaces ($62,468.69 on furnace replacements).

450%
Return on Investment for every dollar spent in Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP).
- $2.78 in non-energy benefits including health and safety.
- $1.72 in energy savings which becomes usable income for other necessities.

43
Homes were weatherized.
- 122 clients served by the Weatherization Program.
- 33% of clients were ages 60 and over.
- 32% of clients were children under 18.
- 23% of clients were disabled.
The rainbow is always inside the storm.
~ Matshona Dhliwayo