



NOCAC Northwestern Ohio
Community Action
Commission

HELPING PEOPLE, CHANGING LIVES



GROWING POSSIBILITIES

2024

ANNUAL REPORT



STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

A message from our Executive Director

I'm excited to share NOCAC's 2024 Annual Report, *Growing Possibilities*. Just like a thriving garden, our work is about planting seeds of opportunity, nurturing growth, and watching transformation take root in our community.

Guided by our mission to lessen the impact of poverty and inspired by our motto, *Helping People, Changing Lives*, this past year has been a testament to resilience, collaboration, and hope. Through innovative programs, strong partnerships, and the unwavering dedication of our team, we've cultivated pathways toward a brighter, more equitable future.

This year's report embraces a botanical theme, symbolizing the flourishing possibilities that come when we invest in change. Each story, statistic, and initiative in these pages represents the lives we've touched, the challenges we've overcome, and the strength of a community growing together.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Your support helps plant the seeds of transformation—and together, we're watching them bloom.

Angie Franklin

Management Team



- Amber Simmons – Child Development Director
- Kelly Feeny – Housing & Energy Services Director
- Heidi Keween – Human Resources Director
- Angie Franklin – Executive Director
- Jamie Huber – Community Services Director
- Kylee Harrow – Finance Director

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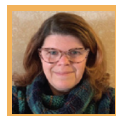
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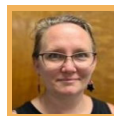
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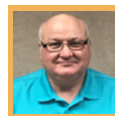
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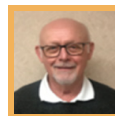
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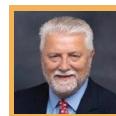
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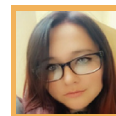
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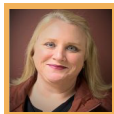
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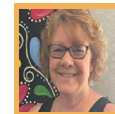
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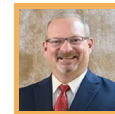
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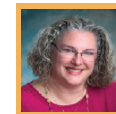
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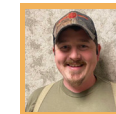
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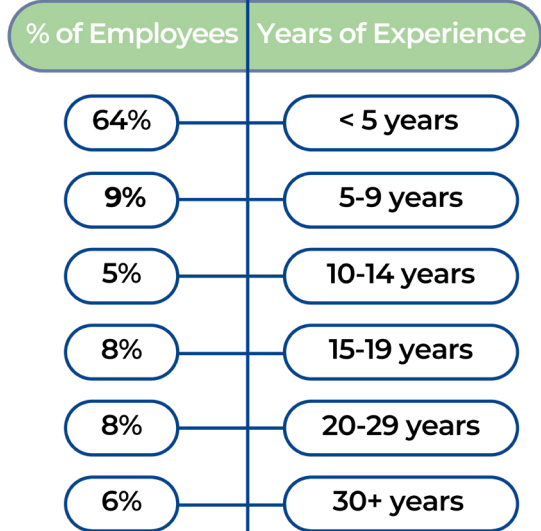


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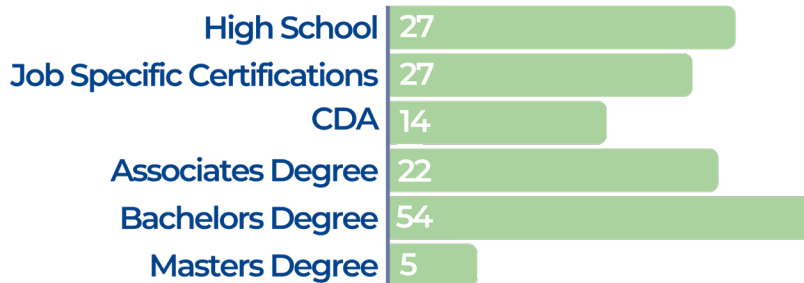
HUMAN RESOURCES: 2024 OVERVIEW

The Human Resources department is proud to support the agency’s most valuable asset—its people. This year, we continued to prioritize employee growth, satisfaction, and success through dedicated efforts in recruitment, training, and engagement.

of NOCAC Team Members



Staff Education Levels



Milestone Years of Service Awards



5 years = Theresa Snyder, Michelle Gigax, Holly Sanderson
10 years = Heather Dietrich, Penny Kroeckel, Brandy Johnson, Gerri Larson, Chris Botts



15 years = Amber Simmons, Amy McMaster, Kevin Koithahn, Diana Ysasaga
20 years = Jenny Brown
30 years = Paula Dotson
35 years = Lisa Arce

Looking Forward

HR remains committed to creating a positive and engaging workplace where employees feel valued, supported, and empowered to achieve their professional goals. With continued focus on wellness, training, and recognition, we look forward to another successful year.

FINANCIAL EXPENDITURES

Our Mission

Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission is dedicated to minimizing the effects of poverty by connecting individuals to opportunities and resources that support a secure future.

Vision Statement

NOCAC envisions a culture that supports opportunities for all people to thrive; build strong, resilient neighborhoods; and ensures a more equitable community.

PROGRAMS	2024	2023
Head Start Program	\$4,012,407	\$3,784,401
Early Head Start Program	\$395,952	\$358,053
Head Start Program COVID - CRSSA	\$0	\$0
Head Start Program COVID - American Rescue Plan	\$0	\$124,179
Early Childhood Education	\$1,014,571	\$245,648
Child & Adult Food Care Program (CACFP)	\$323,365	\$220,981
Teach Arts Ohio	\$0	\$10,800
Summer Food (CACFP)	\$43,352	\$32,508
United Way - Summer Food	\$18,450	\$16,998
TOTAL CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS	\$5,808,098	\$4,793,567
Child Care-Publicly Funded	\$406,019	\$345,235
BCI Checks/Training	\$30,255	\$31,814
TOTAL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS	\$436,274	\$377,049
Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG)	\$259,603	\$416,874
CSBG Cares COVID	\$0	\$0
Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)	\$1,410,523	\$1,223,030
Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP)	\$25,818	\$27,260
CDBG Home Relief 2	\$0	\$0
CAA-HRG Home Relief 3	\$0	\$0
ARPA-HRG Home Relief	\$962,626	\$3,128,065
OHFA/HAF/Utility Assistance Plus	\$90,557	\$365,419
Emergency Food & Shelter Program	\$23,511	\$65,812
Housing Support - Tax Credit Projects	\$353	\$1,757
Credit Builder Alliance	\$2,608	\$0
LISC General Motors	\$50,000	\$64,941
Workforce Development Car Repair	\$72,779	\$0
LISC Digital Connector	\$532	\$2,469
NDIA - Digital Navigation	\$123,581	\$61,963
Buckeye Health Plan	\$4,426	\$2,584
Financial Literacy	\$12,835	\$0
Low Income Water Asst	\$546,347	\$487,078
OCATO CARES Grant	\$0	\$0
United Way - FEP Funds/Emergency Services	\$43,372	\$50,498
Local Donations	\$8,446	\$3,117



The Promise of Community Action

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and help each other.

FINANCIAL EXPENDITURES

PROGRAMS CONTINUED	2024	2023
TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$3,637,916	\$5,900,864
Partnership Assistance to the Homeless (PATH)	\$106,119	\$85,782
Richland Place Single Room Occupancy Units (SRO)	\$30,288	\$53,090
COHHIO Diversion Training	\$0	\$0
Emergency Shelter Grant Program	\$119,049	\$67,475
Emergency Shelter Grant Program - CARES	\$0	\$31,050
Permanent Supportive Hsg	\$299,951	\$342,654
Supportive Housing Program	\$33,987	\$12,017
Housing Stability Rapid Re-Housing	\$384,412	\$212,685
Housing Stability Rapid Re-Housing - CARES	\$0	\$3,242
Homeless Crisis Response - OHTF	\$100	\$25,097
COHHIO TANF Housing Now	\$0	\$0
ODE Homeless Targeted Support	\$14,651	\$1,849
Housing Coordination Services/Diversion	\$42,851	\$43,170
Ready to Rent	\$540	\$279
Risk Mitigation	\$0	\$0
Mercy Grey Nuns Homeless Prevention	\$584	\$0
TOTAL HOMELESSNESS ASSISTANCE SERVICES	\$1,032,534	\$878,390
Home Weatherization Assistance Program	\$1,324,049	\$1,193,414
Home Weatherization BIL Program	\$311,875	\$0
Home Weatherization Enhancement Program	\$790,951	\$463,948
Weatherization Readiness Fund	\$44,666	\$26,988
Housing Assistance Grant Program	\$82,591	\$41,165
Elderly Home Repair Program	\$41,542	\$37,248
Community Connections -Toledo Edison	\$25,903	\$78,939
Electric Partnership Program	\$111,728	\$64,903
Reduction in Home Energy Grant Program	\$103,057	\$0
OPAE-Suburban Gas	\$0	\$19,830
Housewarming Program	\$1,573	\$1,423
TOTAL HOUSING & ENERGY PROGRAMS	\$2,837,935	\$1,927,857
TOTAL CORPORATE/UNRESTRICTED	\$208,914	\$505,128
TOTAL NOCAC EXPENDITURES	\$13,961,672	\$14,382,854



Our Values

People: We believe in treating people with dignity and respect and recognize that income disparity, lack of resources, and other inequities remain barriers that must be addressed.

Commitment: We strive to be continuously responsive to the most critical needs of low-income families and individuals; empowering them to reach their full potential.

Innovation: We pledge to use creative approaches to address poverty and secure resources to build a stronger community.

Integrity: We value integrity and maintain high standards of professionalism through ethical behavior.

PUBLICLY FUNDED CHILD CARE

Since 1987, NOCAC has collaborated with County Departments of Job and Family Services to provide Publicly Funded Child Care (PFCC) assistance. In 2024, State oversight transitioned to the Department of Children and Youth, reflecting a renewed focus on supporting families and licensed providers. NOCAC maintains contracts with Auglaize, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Paulding, Van Wert, and Williams counties to deliver critical childcare services.



What Families Are Saying About PFCC

“I have such peace of mind taking my child to a licensed home. And knowing that I can gradually get off assistance gives me hope for the future.”

Collaboration and Oversight

NOCAC works diligently to manage client eligibility, licensing, and compliance monitoring for Family Child Care Homes. This ensures families have access to safe, quality childcare options while supporting providers in meeting state regulations.

Impactful Moments from 2024

PFCC continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of families and children across our communities. Highlights from the year include:

- Expanding partnerships with licensed providers through the ECE program.
- Supporting over 1,573 children and their families with affordable, quality childcare.

2024 Data Overview by County

County	# of families who were supported w/ their child care costs	# of children who received care	# of Licensed Family Child Care Homes	# of Licensed Centers in and out of county servicing PFCC approved families
Auglaize	67	122	1	16
Defiance	172	308	4	7
Fulton	107	197	5	26
Hancock	298	557	8	19
Hardin	88	154	7	11
Paulding	58	121	1	2
Van Wert	78	144	1	8
Williams	64	117	2	3

HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START

Early Head Start focuses on pregnant mothers through children under three years old. The EHS programs promote infants' and toddlers' physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development through safe and developmentally enriching caregiving. Access to prenatal care, food programs, interactive socialization with like participants and home teaching is provided. This prepares these children for continued growth and development and eventual success in school and life.



Head Start is a program promoting the school readiness of children from three to five years of age by enhancing their cognitive, social, and emotional development. Head Start provides a learning environment that supports children's growth in many areas such as language, literacy, and social and emotional development. The program also emphasizes the role of parents as their child's first and most important teacher and connects families to other resources that may be needed for child and family success.

School Readiness Goals

✓ Approaches to Learning

Children will develop a positive approach to learning by developing strategies for self-regulating their feelings and behavior

✓ Social and Emotional

Children will show interest in personal relationships and use basic problem-solving skills with other children and will develop friendships with peers.

✓ Language and Literacy

Preschool Children: will increase awareness of the sounds that make up language, and show an interest in books, songs, rhymes, and stories.

Infant/Toddler: Children will be receptive to understanding language and recognize frequently used words or gestures.

✓ Cognition

Children will develop their vocabulary and their sense of numbers, quantity, and objects in small sets.

✓ Perceptual, Motor, and Physical Development

Children will use and demonstrate their ability to increase position, strength, coordination, and efficiency when using fine motor manipulative skills.



HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START



Enrollment	Funded Enrollment	Avg. Monthly Enrollment	Total number of Children Served	Total Number of Families served
Head Start	300	97% (292)	331	302
Early Head Start	44	91% (40)	73	58



% of Eligible Children Served	Head Start	Early Head Start
Income at or below 100% federal poverty line	38%	19%
Public Assistance such as TANF and SSI	40%	63%
Foster Care	2%	3%
Homeless	1%	3%
Other Eligibility	10%	2%
Income between 101%-130%	9%	10%

Former Head Start parents as staff: **24%**

Parent volunteers: **435**

Total hours: **56,330**

Volunteer in-kind dollars: **\$1,126,188**

Focus Area Monitoring: A Focus Area 2 monitoring was completed in April of 2024 with no findings.

Demographics	Head Start	Early Head Start
Two Parent Families	50%	60%
Single Parent Families	50%	40%
Single Parent Families-Mother only	98%	100%
Single Parent Families-Father only	2%	0%
Of the Total Families, the % in which the Parent/Guardian is Best Described as:		
Parent(s) Biological, Adoptive, Step	93%	92%
Grandparents	4%	3%
Relatives other than Grandparents	1%	1%
Foster Parents	2%	4%



HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START

Within the Head Start program, 188 children receive wrap-around services in coordination with the Ohio Department of Children and Youth's Early Childhood Education grant program. This grant is awarded to preschool programs to provide comprehensive services supporting a child's growth and learning using developmentally appropriate practices to best support school readiness.



Health Outcomes for Completed Children	Head Start	Early Head Start
Health Screenings	100%	68%
Dental Exam	94%	74%

	HEAD START		EARLY HEAD START
	Funded Budget	Expenditures	Expenditures
Personnel	\$2,587,000	\$2,390,810	\$255,460
Fringe	\$1,023,357	\$820,968	\$91,612
Travel	\$69,855	\$33,686	\$18,856
Equipment	\$11,550	\$4,202	\$478
Supplies	\$257,500	\$233,492	\$12,317
Contractual	\$45,825	\$38,083	\$1,717
Other	\$732,408	\$602,953	\$25,313
Total	\$4,727,495	\$4,124,194	\$405,753
Federal Income	\$4,526,737	\$4,120,984	\$405,753
Program Income	\$3,210	\$3,210	-
Total Federal Income	\$4,526,737	\$4,120,984	\$405,753
Total Inkind Contribution	\$2,580,549	\$2,373,868	\$206,682
Total	\$7,107,286	\$6,494,852	\$612,435



Summer Food Program 2024

8,155 Meals Provided

1,851 Children Fed

2,354.5 Hours Volunteered

Compared with last year, 1,703 more meals were served and 499 more children were fed. Over 903 more volunteer hours were logged in 2024.

A Journey of Growth: Paige Unverferth's Head Start Story

For over a decade, NOCAC Head Start has been a pillar of support for Paige Unverferth and her family. As a single mother of five, Paige has faced many challenges, but she has never faced them alone. All five of her boys have been part of the Head Start program, with her youngest currently enrolled and her oldest now 16. Through this journey, Paige has not only watched her children thrive, but she has grown—becoming a stronger, more independent parent with the guidance and encouragement of NOCAC Head Start's dedicated staff.

Paige credits Head Start with helping her navigate the complexities of raising a large family, from providing information on essential services like PIPP and HEAP to connecting her with dental care and financial resources. When transportation to medical appointments was a challenge, staff stepped in to offer solutions, ensuring her children received the care they needed. Beyond meeting immediate needs, Head Start empowered Paige to take control of her financial future, offering referrals to the Financial Opportunity Center to obtain credit counseling and other financial assistance programs that have helped her build stability.

The impact of NOCAC Head Start's support extends beyond just Paige's experience. Her children's teachers have witnessed her incredible journey firsthand. "Watching her grow and be successful has been very rewarding," shares Martha Gould, a teacher with the program, "Over the years, the educators and center staff have not only nurtured Paige's children but have also formed a partnership with her, ensuring that she always had the resources, support, and encouragement to succeed."

Paige reflects on her time with NOCAC Head Start with immense gratitude. "The teachers and staff are so friendly and work around my schedule. I absolutely love my experience with the school over the last 11 years," she says. "Without them, I wouldn't have known about so many of these programs. I am thankful that this program is available and willing to go above and beyond for the students and their families." Paige's story is a testament to the power of Head Start—not just in preparing children for school but in uplifting entire families toward a brighter future.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Financial Opportunity Center

The Financial Opportunity Center® (FOC) at NOCAC empowers individuals to achieve financial independence and career success through a holistic approach. Our FOC program pairs community members with skilled Financial and Employment Coaches who provide one-on-one guidance in setting financial and career goals, developing personalized plans, and accessing the resources needed to succeed. To enhance financial well-being, we offer group financial literacy classes that focus on practical money management skills.

Recognizing the growing importance of digital literacy in today's world, our FOC also includes comprehensive digital navigation services. These services help clients build the confidence and skills needed to use technology effectively, whether for online job searches, managing finances through digital tools, or pursuing new employment opportunities in a tech-driven job market. Through workshops and individual support, we ensure that clients are equipped to thrive in an increasingly digital environment.

Additionally, when funding permits, we host "Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin' By World" cohorts, a transformative program that helps participants examine and overcome barriers to self-sufficiency. The success of our FOC is made possible through the support of our valued partners, including Rural LISC, the National Digital Inclusion Alliance (NDIA), United Way, GM, First Financial Bank, Fifth Third Bank, Key Bank, and Premier Bank. Together, we are creating opportunities for long-term financial stability and empowering individuals to build a secure and sustainable future.

Program	# Of Participants	Details
Getting Ahead	17 participants 2 cohorts	32 sessions
Financial Literacy Classes	57 participants	12 different classes/workshops offered
Homeownership Classes	21 participants	2 sessions
Financial & Employment Coaching	92 participants	121 Individual Sessions
Digital Navigation	151 participants	345 Individual Sessions
Device Distribution		70 devices distributed
Energy Reduction Kit		33 given out
Emergency Auto Repair		34 cars repaired



Long Term Change Data



EMERGENCY SERVICES

Salvation Army

126 Christmas vouchers were provided to families
 17 children sent to summer camp
 Over \$11,382.70 raised in 2024 Red Kettle Campaign.
 Defiance (\$6,972.81) - Paulding (\$1,884.66) - Williams (\$2,525.23)

Summer Crisis Program

Over 1,200 households assisted with keeping cool during the summer months
 313 A/C units provided and 304 fans
 \$18,456.84 spent for central air unit repair
 48 central air unit repairs
 \$209,119 spent for utility assistance

Winter Crisis Program

Over 1,500 households received assistance with heating their home for the winter months
 \$481,460 in emergency funding spent to help households heat their homes
 34 furnace repairs

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

Provided over 386 households with water/sewage payments

Rental Assistance Provided

American Rescue Plan Act Home Relief- 439 households received rental assistance and over 117 households received some form of utility assistance through this grant in 2024
 Emergency Food and Shelter Program- provided 33 households with rental assistance

Homeowner Utility Assistance(HAFUAP)

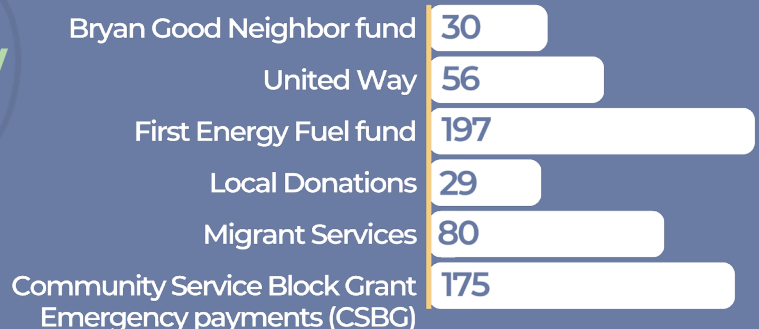
Assisted 52 homeowners with property tax assistance

Applications Processed

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)- 4,532 applications were processed to receive a credit to households main heating source
 Percentage Income Payment Plan (PIPP)- 3,467 applications processed



of Households Assisted



“Such a blessing to know an organization cares and helps a struggling, working person who needs it!”

HOMELESS SERVICES


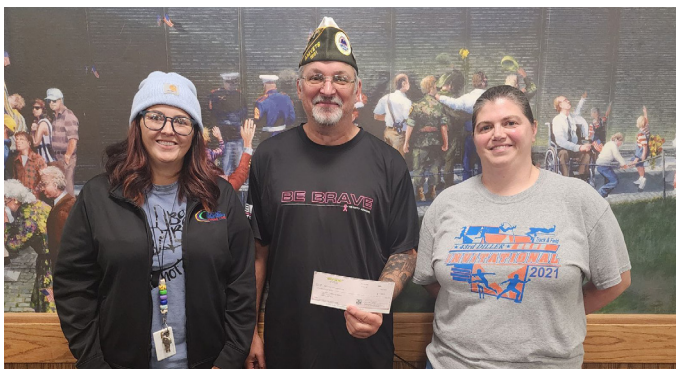
PATH Center Services

- 7,127 Lunches served
- 264 Food donations/\$43,134.98
- 57 Cash donations/\$37,602.46
- 116 Misc donations/\$15,035.00
- 150 Volunteers/552 hours
- 363 household received commodities
- 664 Individuals participated in educational events
- 538 Individuals participated in social activities



Coordinated Entry

- 357 Risk Assessments Completed



"September 12th, 2024, is a day that will be etched in my memory forever. My children & I were in a not so good situation & I was forced from my home of 23 years. I had no money, no vehicle & nowhere to go. I had very little hope & couldn't see a light at the end of that dark tunnel, but by the grace of God, I held on tightly to faith. I plugged away each day, doing anything & everything I could possibly do to rectify the situation so we could begin to rebuild our lives. I was referred to community action & rapid rehousing and met with a wonderful case worker, Tracey. She guided me with so much knowledge and support, and together, we were able to find a home. I am extremely grateful for nocac & for the love & support from friends, our landlords, and the community." - M.V. and kids

HOMELESS SERVICES

Emergency Shelter

149 Individuals served

132 Households served

10 Children served

5,567 Nights in shelter

15 Average of people per night

34 Days Average shelter stay

Rapid Rehousing

108 Households served

220 Individuals served

81 Children served

28 Days avg length to housing

\$171,977.82 in assistance provided

Homeless Prevention

33 Households served

77 Individuals served

37 Children served

\$79,189.90 in assistance provided

Permanent Supportive Housing

The PSH program supported housing stability for **39** households with a history of chronic homelessness.

Assistance was provided to **56** people, including **8** children.

\$24,0041.08 was paid to assist with rent deposits, monthly rent and utility assistance to stabilize housing.



“There have been many situations that I have put myself into where I was unsure on how to go about things. I have always felt that the PATH Center was somewhere I could go and have someone to talk to for help. The PATH Center helps to keep me accountable and is straightforward with advice and helps with everything that I need. The PATH Center has always been there when I have had nowhere to go. I have a deep appreciation for the PATH Center and the staff that works there. I have never felt judged, unsafe or uncomfortable. If you take advantage of all the resources that they provide you will surely be in a better place walking out then walking in.”

PATH Center Participant

HOUSING & ENERGY SERVICES



Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission (NOCAC); Housing & Energy Services enables homes occupied by low-income families to become more energy efficient and safe, allowing the family to reside in the comfort of their own home. This program offers home repairs, weatherization assistance, energy conservation services, and other enhancements across the six counties served by NOCAC.

# of Households	Service
96	Elderly
53	Disabled
132	Furnace Replacement or Clean and Tune or A/C Installation
72	Water Heater Replacement/Sump Pump/Plumbing/Well Pumps
58	Exhaust Fan (ASHRAE)
17	Roof Replacement/Repairs
13	Electrical Repairs
1	Pest Control
10	Handicap Shower Modifications/High Rise Toilets
4	Handicap Ramp/Entry Access
76	Energy Efficient Refrigerator or Freezer Replacement
578	Energy Efficient Bulb Installation
2	Door Replacement
145	Insulation installed in attic, sidewall, floor
484	Consumer Education

"I was shocked to find out I had no insulation in my house—I moved here in 1967! All my needs were met, and the staff and workers explained everything thoroughly. They did a great job, and everyone was so friendly."



309 homes received services using funding through the Home Weatherization Assistance Program, the Enhancement/WRF Program, Energy Partnership Program or the Housewarming Program.

25 Households received services with funding provided by Housing Assistance Handicap Home Modifications Grant.

3 Elderly Individuals received Home Repair Services with funding provided by the Area Office on Aging.

"The workers were professional and efficient. I couldn't ask for a better group of people to do this work for me. I am beyond grateful!"



Population, Poverty Rates, and Other Measures of Economic Need

	Defiance	Fulton	Henry	Paulding	Van Wert	Williams
Population and Population Change						
¹ Total population, 2022	38,187	42,171	27,512	18,757	28,769	36,652
¹ Percentage minority population, 2022	5.1%	3.8%	3.5%	3.8%	3.7%	3.8%
¹ Population change, 2017-2022	31	-118	327	-88	552	-132
¹ Percentage population change, 2017-2022	0.1%	-0.3%	1.2%	-0.5%	2.0%	-0.4%
Individual Poverty Rates						
² Population in poverty, 2022	4,023	3,393	2,444	1,861	2,634	4,368
² Overall poverty rate, 2022	10.7%	8.1%	9.0%	10.0%	9.3%	12.3%
² Child (under age 18) poverty rate, 2022	13.2%	10.3%	11.1%	14.0%	11.2%	15.0%
³ Senior (age 65 and older) poverty rate, 2022	3.9%	7.9%	4.5%	5.9%	6.8%	6.8%
³ White (non-Hispanic) poverty rate, 2022	9.7%	7.8%	8.8%	9.6%	7.9%	11.2%
³ Black/African American poverty rate, 2022	34.4%	N	N	N	N	N
³ Asian poverty rate, 2022	N	N	N	N	N	N
³ Hispanic/Latino (of any race) poverty rate, 2022	12.0%	11.0%	13.6%	7.8%	14.3%	9.6%
Family Poverty Rates						
³ Families in poverty, 2022	671	728	537	342	489	849
³ Family poverty rate, 2022	6.5%	6.3%	7.3%	6.7%	6.1%	8.8%
³ Married couples with related children in their care, poverty rate 2022	4.6%	3.7%	3.4%	3.3%	1.5%	3.0%
³ Single women with related children in their care, poverty rate 2022	28.9%	25.8%	47.2%	22.1%	22.3%	46.5%
Other Measures of Economic Need						
³ Percentage of population below 50% FPL, 2022	4.3%	3.5%	4.0%	3.3%	4.0%	5.9%
³ Percentage of population below 200% FPL, 2022	27.0%	24.1%	28.1%	28.3%	26.7%	31.9%
² Median household income, 2022	63,904	75,383	72,122	66,332	59,377	60,983
⁴ Probability a child raised in the bottom fifth rose to the top fifth, 1980-2012	11.8%	11.4%	12.2%	14.6%	4.7%	9.4%
⁴ Probability a child raised in the bottom fifth stayed in the bottom fifth, 1980-2012	27.1%	22.9%	12.2%	14.6%	34.9%	22.4%
⁴ Child food insecurity rate, 2021	10.7%	10.4%	11.7%	12.1%	10.7%	12.3%
⁴ Percentage of children who are both food insecure and ineligible for food assistance, 2021	1.8%	2.8%	0.5%	1.9%	1.1%	1.7%
⁵ Percentage of public school students K-12, free or reduced-price lunch, 2022	37.1%	26.9%	26.0%	40.5%	36.7%	33.7%
⁶ Percentage of population receiving SNAP benefits, 2022	9.4%	6.7%	4.9%	9.4%	8.0%	8.9%
⁷ Percentage of population who are enrolled in Medicaid, 2022	25.0%	17.9%	17.4%	23.1%	22.7%	24.5%
³ Percentage of population with no health insurance, 2022	6.9%	5.7%	5.4%	5.9%	3.7%	5.4%
⁸ Unemployment rate, 2022	3.9%	4.0%	4.5%	3.5%	3.3%	3.4%
⁹ Percentage of households receiving HEAP benefits, 2022	7.1%	4.7%	4.5%	8.2%	6.9%	4.4%
³ Percentage of renters cost-burdened, 2022	36.2%	32.6%	33.4%	38.5%	36.5%	37.6%
³ Percentage of owners cost-burdened, 2022	14.1%	14.8%	14.5%	12.0%	11.9%	15.5%

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Sources: (1) U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates; (2) U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE); (3) U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS); (4) Equality of Opportunity Project; (5) Feeding America, Map the Meal Gap; (6) Ohio Department of Education; (7) Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Public Assistance Monthly Statistics; (8) Ohio Department of Medicaid, Medicaid Demographic and Expenditure Report; (9) U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics; (10) Ohio Development Services Agency.

Notes: The first column identifies the source of data by number. For (3) Ohio numbers and percentages represent ACS one-year estimates, whereas all county numbers and percentages represent ACS five-year estimates. For county poverty rates by race, ethnicity, and family type, data are suppressed if the denominator is less than 500 individuals, as indicated by the letter "N". For (4), probabilities are based on the current family income of a cohort of adults born between 1980 and 1982 whose family income 30 years ago was in the bottom quintile of the national income distribution at that time. State-level probability is derived by weighting county-level probabilities based on annual birth data from the U.S. Census Bureau. For (6) data include applications at traditional schools only.



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