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Community Action Agency Inc.

To take action against poverty by developing the social and economic assets of low-income families and their communities and by working to create a more just and sustainable society.

Community Housing Development

CHDO provides development and asset management of affordable housing units throughout the West CAP service area. Through partnerships with private for-profit businesses and non-profit groups West CAP has developed, acquired or renovated 512 units of housing across our service territory and outside our service area in Phillips, Wisconsin and Oskaloosa, Iowa. West CAP provides property management services to over 300 units of housing.

- Total Economic Impact: \$2,483,764
- Total Individuals Served: 441
- Total Households Served: 227

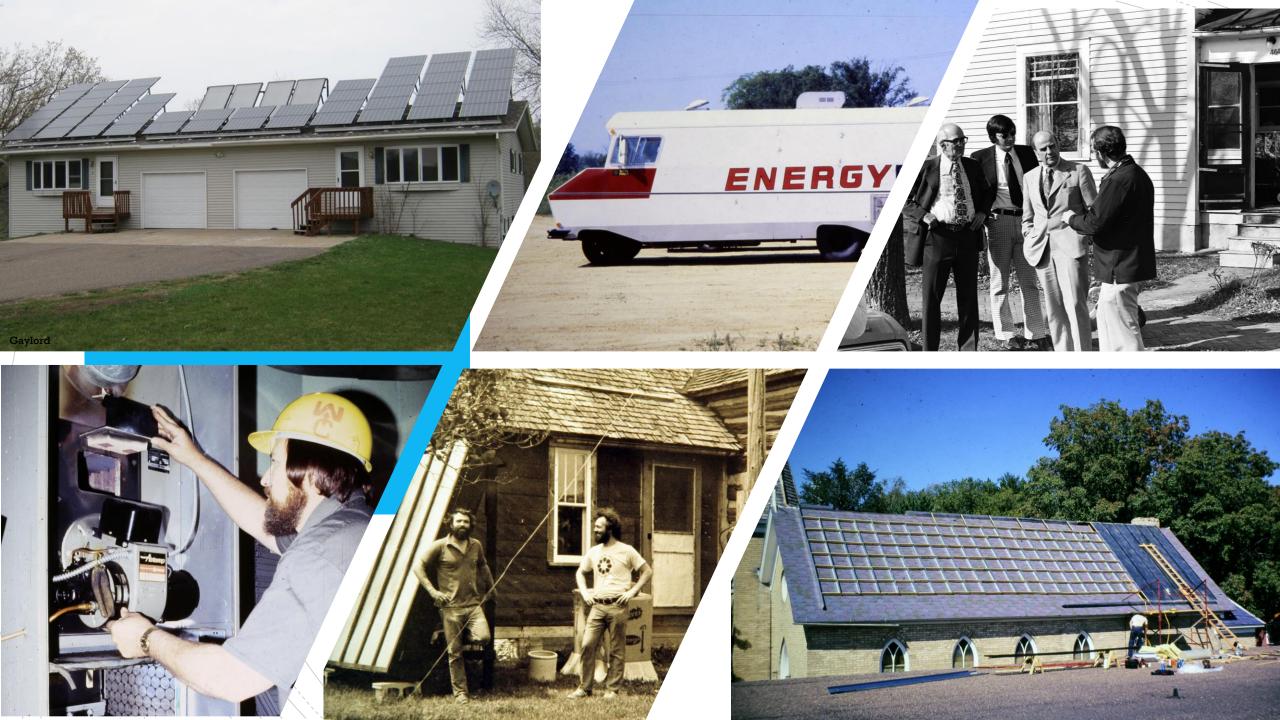








Housing and Energy





Weatherization

Weatherization offers a range of service including air sealing, insulation, appliance efficiency upgrades (heating system, domestic hot water, and refrigerator/freezers), and minor repairs. Each dwelling receives an energy audit to evaluate the overall condition and energy efficiency of the home. The program also provides emergency repairs/replacements for inoperative heating systems.

Total Economic Impact: \$3,110,859 Total Individuals Served: 1,308 Total Households Served: 596 Total Homes Weatherized: 295 Average household energy savings: \$550 annually

Energy Assistance

The Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) provides assistance for heating costs, electric costs, and energy crisis situations. Utility payments are made directly from the State of WI to vendors or customers. West CAP administers the program for St. Croix and Pepin counties.

- Total Economic Impact: \$692,013
- Total Individuals Served: 2,192
- Total Households Served: 926



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Homeless Intervention Programs

Homeless Intervention Programs help low-income families and individuals achieve housing stability through a combination of rental assistance, case management, and connection to community resources. Housing Assistance staff members work to match individuals and families with programs that meet their needs. These programs include:

- Rapid Re-Housing Medium-term rental assistance and supportive services designed to quickly move households from homelessness to permanent housing.
- **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance** Medium-term rental assistance and supportive services for households experiencing homelessness as well as those at-risk of homelessness.
- Permanent Supportive Housing Long-term housing designed for chronically homeless individuals and families. Intensive support is provided to assist individuals who have a mental illness or substance use disorder in achieving housing stability.
- Housing Choice Vouchers Assistance with rental costs in Dunn, St. Croix, Pierce, and Polk counties through HUD Section 8 vouchers.
- Total Economic Impact: \$2,635,817
- Total Individuals Served: 807
- Total Households Served: 356

...helping people

help themselves

In our seven-county service area 10% of households live in poverty and another 28% cannot afford a "Survival Budget." In other words, 38% of folks in west-central Wisconsin, most from working households, cannot afford to live here without some form of assistance*.

That's where West CAP comes in. Our assistance includes; weatherizing homes – which lowers household energy bills, developing and managing construction of affordable housing – which makes rent affordable, providing homelessness interventions – which assists our most vulnerable neighbors, food & nutrition support – which stretches grocery dollars, literacy & skills enhancement – which helps low-wage workers increase their earnings, and a facilitated car purchase program – which helps workers get to their jobs.

*United Way 2018 report; ALICE, A Study of Financial Hardship in Wisconsin.

