

Community Action

Founded in 1966, Blue Valley Community Action Partnership (BVCA) operates over 30 programs that are dedicated to improving the lives of low-income families and individuals. Our programs are as diverse as the communities and families we serve. Our service area includes Butler, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Polk, Saline, Seward, Thayer and York Counties in Nebraska.

BVCA's Mission Overcoming Poverty by Helping People, Improving Lives and Strengthening Communities.

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 each other.

Friends of Blue Valley

Become a "Friend of Blue Valley" by donating your time, talent or treasure! YOU can make a DIFFERENCE!!

Become a "Friend of Blue Valley" by becoming a volunteer!

Friends of Blue Valley offers a variety of volunteer opportunities with BVCA Partnership's offices, as well as with other local organizations.

Why Volunteer?

- ...give back to the community
- ...make a difference in someone's life
- ...develop new friendships
- ...develop job skills
- ...stay active and involved
- ...build your resume
- ...earn academic credit
- ...network with professionals
- ...explore possible career options
- ...gain leadership skills
- ...impact change
- ...satisfaction from accomplishment
- ...complete required community service
- ...earn an AmeriCorps education award
- ...discover & utilize personal skills and talents
- ...we can't do it alone



Is your non-profit in need of volunteers?

Friends of Blue Valley connects individuals wishing to volunteer in their communities to those non-profit organizations, clubs, educational institutions or public entities needing volunteers.

Become a "Friend of Blue Valley" by making a donation!

BVCA Partnership touches the lives of thousands of people each year. Your monetary support will enable us to make an even bigger difference in our communities in the coming year. As a private 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, BVCA relies on the generosity of individuals, corporations, foundations, churches, community and government partners to achieve our mission. Your tax-deductible donation can be made via our website or by mailing it to BVCA Partnership, PO Box 273, Fairbury NE 68352.

More Information

For more information about "Friends of Blue Valley" please visit our website at www.bvca.net and click the "Get Involved" tab; call (402) 729-2278; or email volunteer@bvca.net.



Please contact our local offices for assistance.

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 Website www.bvca.net
 Facebook www.facebook.com/BVCAPartnership
 Twitter www.twitter.com/BVCAPartnership
 YouTube www.youtube.com/BVCAPartnership

Rental Housing (Toll Free Number)..... 1 (888) 688-7921
 WIC..... 1 (866) 907-4014
 Immunizations 1 (402) 826-2141, Ext 3
 Immunizations/Español..... 1 (402) 641-1799

Butler County:

BVCA Partnership Center..... 1 (402) 367-4347

Fillmore County:

BVCA Partnership Center..... 1 (402) 759-3564
 Head Start 1 (402) 759-3699
 Fillmore County Rural Transit 1 (402) 759-3345

Gage County:

BVCA Partnership Center..... 1 (402) 223-6034
 Foster Grandparents Program..... 1 (402) 223-6036
 Head Start, Beatrice..... 1 (402) 223-6035
 Head Start, Wymore 1 (402) 645-3441
 Early Head Start 1 (402) 223-6056

Jefferson County:

BVCA Partnership Center..... 1 (402) 729-5568
 FYI Center 1 (402) 729-6510
 Step Ahead Early Childhood Program 1 (402) 729-2161

Polk County:

BVCA Partnership Center..... 1 (402) 747-2102

Saline County:

BVCA Partnership Center..... 1 (402) 826-2376
 Head Start 1 (402) 826-5221
 Early Head Start 1 (402) 821-2335
 Blue River Child Care & Preschool..... 1 (402) 826-4216

Seward County:

BVCA Partnership Center..... 1 (402) 643-6425
 Head Start 1 (402) 643-6272

Thayer County:

BVCA Partnership Center..... 1 (402) 768-6704
 Head Start 1 (402) 768-6727

York County:

BVCA Partnership Center..... 1 (402) 362-3516
 Preschool Learning Academy of York 1 (402) 362-4299

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Blue Valley Community Action Partnership



Helping People ♦ Changing Lives



Providing opportunities to individuals and families in Southeastern Nebraska to improve and sustain their economic security.



AmeriCorps & AmeriCorps VISTA: National service programs allowing people of all ages to earn a stipend and educational assistance in exchange for a year of community service. Available: All BVCA Counties

Blue River Child Care & Preschool: High quality, early childhood education and care program for children six weeks through twelve years of age. Provides developmentally age appropriate educational activities in all care settings and nutritionally approved meals to all children in a licensed facility. Available: Saline County

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP): Government purchased food commodities are distributed to income eligible individuals age 60 and older to foster good health and nutrition. Available: All BVCA Counties as well as Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee and Richardson

Compassionate Projects: Volunteers, community groups and local businesses donate time, materials, food, toys, skills and love which are used in a variety of seasonal holiday projects, especially at Christmas, benefiting low-income individuals and families. Available: All BVCA Counties

Diversity Education: Provides training to staff and communities. Raising awareness of cultural differences within our society. Focusing on differences in race, religion, ethnicity and socioeconomic groups. Available: All BVCA Counties

Early Head Start: A home-based program that provides pregnant women and children, birth to three, with family centered services and activities. Available: Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Saline, Thayer and York Counties

Early Head Start—Child Care Partnership: BVCA partners with child care providers who agree to meet the Head Start Program Standards which includes comprehensive and continuous services to low-income infants, toddlers and their families. The partnerships increase quality care and education to a center-based option while parents are working or going to school. Available: Jefferson and Saline Counties

Emergency Assistance: Individuals and families are assisted with small emergency requests such as transportation, car repairs, prescriptions, and various other small emergencies on a very minimal scale, depending on resources available at local level. Available: All BVCA Counties

Emergency Solutions Program: Assists individuals and families who are literally homeless or imminently at risk of homelessness by providing housing relocation and stabilization services to help quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis. Available: All BVCA Counties

Family and Youth Involvement Center—FYI Center: Provides a safe, supervised environment for youth ages 5-18 during after and out of school time. Serves as a venue for juvenile diversion, mentoring, homework assistance, computer technology, health and fitness, service learning clubs, community service opportunities, and substance abuse prevention education. Available: Jefferson County

Food Security Programs: Individuals and families who are facing a shortage of food are assisted through the generosity of donations by individuals, communities, organizations and businesses. There are various options for securing food. Available: All BVCA Counties

Foster Grandparent Program: Provides opportunities for low-income persons, 55 years and older, to give supportive person-to-person service to help alleviate the physical, mental, or emotional problems of children having exceptional or special needs. Available: Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, Seward, Thayer and York Counties

Head Start: A nationally renowned child development program for preschool children ages 3 to 5, which stresses parent involvement, education, social services, and health. Available: Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Saline, Seward, Thayer and York Counties

Homeownership Opportunity Program: Provides down-payment assistance for first-time homebuyers as well as homebuyer education. Available: All BVCA Counties

Housing Development: Construction of affordable rental housing units &/or lease-to-own units. Available: All BVCA Counties

Housing Counseling: Provides housing counseling services to potential homebuyers. Services consist of pre-purchase workshops and one-on-one case management. Individuals enrolled in the program will agree to make a 6-24 month commitment to get them "mortgage ready". Available: All BVCA Counties

Housing Rentals: Affordable rental housing and lease-to-own properties are available to income eligible families. Available: Butler, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Polk, Saline, Thayer and York

Infant/Toddler Quality Early Childhood Initiative Program: Provides professional development and support to home-based, center-based, and child care staff to improve quality care. Available: Gage, Jefferson and Saline Counties

Information and Referral Services: Local staff provide needed information regarding services, make appropriate referrals to community organizations, agencies and other resources, and complete follow-up services. Available: All BVCA Counties

Marketplace Navigators: Local staff assist families, individuals and small businesses enroll in health insurance under the Affordable Care Act. The Marketplace is a way to compare health coverage from a variety of private insurance companies and select a plan which meets both their needs and their budget. Available: All BVCA Counties

Opportunity Passport: Assists young people purchase assets that are critical to their success as they transition into adulthood. The program is a matched savings, asset-building program which includes financial literacy education and asset-specific training. It is to help youth ages 14-25, who have experienced foster care, or have had juvenile justice involvement and/or have experienced homelessness or are at risk of homelessness, and have no family support. Available: All BVCA Counties as well as Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson and Cass.

Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation: Low and moderate income homeowners are offered low-interest loans &/or forgivable loans to rehabilitate homes to meet health and safety needs, limited by type or extent of work needed. Available: All BVCA Counties

Pathways to Employment: Bundled employment preparation and placement opportunities. Available: All BVCA Counties

Project FIRST (Families in Residence with Support in Transition): Homeless families with children engage in family development process to achieve economic and housing stability through placement in scattered site housing in the community of their choice. Available: All BVCA Counties

RentWise: RentWise provides classes to individuals who are renting an apartment or a home. Classes inform participants about communication, money management, finding the right place, the legal process of renting, the importance of a clean home and the moving-out process. Available: Gage and Jefferson Counties.

Rural Southeast Nebraska Connected Youth Initiative (CYI): Disconnected juveniles age 14-24 are provided opportunities to connect to services and organize a regional youth council in Southeast Nebraska. Available: All BVCA Counties as well as Cass, Otoe, Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee & Richardson

Rural Transportation: County-wide transportation services within and out of the county are available for a small fee for general public. Available: Fillmore County

Scholarship Opportunities: As part of a competitive application process, scholarships are available to income-eligible individuals planning to attend college. Scholarships can be used for tuition, books and fees associated with enrollment. Available: All BVCA Counties

Sixpence Early Learning Program: Early Childhood Initiative with BVCA and school districts to build or expand services to address the developmental needs of young children at-risk. An array of resources and services are provided such as high-quality child care and specialists who work with individual families to improve parent-child interactions. Available: Centennial, Milford and Seward School Districts

SNAP Outreach: BVCA is partnering with the Food Bank for the Heartland to increase awareness, provide education, and increase participation in SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). BVCA staff will assist applicants with the online SNAP application. Available: All BVCA Counties

SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access & Recovery): SOAR assists people through the process of applying for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). Available: All BVCA Counties as well as Adams, Cass, Clay, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Nuckolls, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saunders and Webster Counties

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF): The goal of the SSVF is to promote housing stability among very low-income Veteran families who reside in or are transitioning to permanent housing. Through provision of outreach and case management, assistance is given to obtain VA benefits and other public benefits. Available: All BVCA Counties as well as Cass, Otoe, Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee, Richardson, Douglas, Sarpy in NE; and Pottawattamie, IA

Thrift Stores: Community donations of clothing and household items are recycled and made available for a small handling fee. Used furniture is available in York. Available: Butler, Fillmore, Jefferson, Polk, Seward, Thayer and York Counties

Vaccines for Children & Private Vaccines (VFC): Vaccines are provided free by the Nebraska DHHS through BVCA's Immunization Program to uninsured infants 2 months or older, children and adults. Insured or private pay vaccine is also available. Available: Fillmore, Jefferson, Saline and Seward Counties

Weatherization: Provides no cost weatherization of homes to income eligible families. This may include: weather-stripping; patching damaged areas of homes: heating and cooling systems tuned and cleaned or replacement; insulation of attics, walls and foundations; and windows and doors repaired or replaced. Available: All BVCA Counties

Women, Infants & Children (WIC): A health and nutrition program for at-risk breastfeeding, pregnant and postpartum women, infants and children to age 5. After medical and nutritional screening, vouchers are given to certified individuals for food from local stores. Available: Butler, Fillmore, Polk, Saline, Seward and York Counties

WIC Peer Counseling Program: Provides education and support for pregnant and post-partum women to ensure a successful breastfeeding experience. Available: Butler, Fillmore, Polk, Saline, Seward, and York Counties

