

## 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** We overcome poverty by meeting basic needs, helping people grow, and collaborating in our 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 within BVCA Partnership's offices.

### 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
- ...discover & utilize personal skills and talents
- ...we can't do it alone



### 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, P.O. Box 273, Fairbury NE 68352.

### More Information

For more information about "Friends of Blue Valley" please visit our website at [www.bvca.net](http://www.bvca.net); call (402) 729-2278 or your local BVCA Center; or email [volunteer@bvca.net](mailto:volunteer@bvca.net).



## Blue Valley Community Action

### Please contact our local offices for assistance.

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CSFP (Commodity Supplemental Food Program) .. 1 (402) 587-0529  
 Rental Housing (Toll Free Number) ..... 1 (888) 688-7921  
 WIC (Women, Infants & Children)..... 1 (402) 587-0706  
 Immunizations ..... 1 (402) 826-2141  
 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) 223-6035

### Jefferson County:

BVCA Partnership Center..... 1 (402) 729-5568  
 Step Ahead Early Childhood Program..... 1 (402) 729-2278

### Polk County:

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

### Saline County:

BVCA Partnership Center..... 1 (402) 826-2376  
 Blue River Early Learning Academy..... 1 (402) 826-4216

### Seward County:

BVCA Partnership Center..... 1 (402) 646-9177  
 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

"BVCA is an Equal Opportunity Program"

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## Helping People ♦ Changing Lives



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



**AmeriCorps Seniors 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

**Blue River Early Learning Academy:** 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

**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

**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

**Focused Youth on Rehousing, Empowerment & Stability (FYRES):** Works with youth who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. Works together with youth to identify and obtain housing, work on retaining that housing, connect to supports and resources, & to address the issues which led them to the homeless situation. Available: All BVCA Counties

**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

**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 workshops, homebuyer education and one-on-one counseling to help customers correct issues that prevent affordable mortgage financing, stable rental housing and foreclosure. BVCA's counselor will also provide assistance in debt-load management with the preparation of a monthly and manageable budget plan. 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

**Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation:** Low income 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

**One-Time Needs Revolving Loan Program:** Offers a low-interest, revolving loan for households that need financial assistance for unexpected large expenses such as emergency home repair, vehicle repairs, and/or employment-related expenses. Typical financial assistance is under \$2,000. Applicants receiving revolving loan assistance will be required to participate in financial literacy courses in addition to repayment of the loan within an agreed designated timeframe.



**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

**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

**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

**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, Sarpay in NE; and Pottawattamie, IA

**Telehealth:** Individuals can utilize BVCA Partnership's equipment and internet services to access their virtual medical and mental health appointments. If needed, BVCA's friendly staff can help set them up and get them connected, while still providing privacy for their appointments. Available: All BVCA Counties

**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, 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, and children. 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, eWIC cards 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