



Empowering People, Enriching Communities

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Our History

In 1965, Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation (OACAC) was organized as a non-profit agency designed to work toward alleviating the causes and conditions of poverty. We serve Barry, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Greene, Lawrence, Polk, Stone, Taney, and Webster counties in Southwest Missouri.

We are proud to be one of 19 Community Action Agencies in the state of Missouri and more than 1,000 such agencies across the nation serving children, adults, seniors, individuals, families, and communities.

Locations

OACAC centers, offices and clinics are located throughout the 10-county service area in Southwest Missouri. The Central Office is located at 215 S. Barnes Avenue in Springfield, MO, 65802.

Make A Positive Difference

Join the effort to alleviate poverty, strengthen economic stability, offer opportunities, and empower self-sufficiency for people of all ages. Community involvement and support are vital to the success of our programs.

To volunteer time, give us a call at (417) 873-3375. To make a tax-deductible donation, visit oac.ac/donate or send a gift to our Central Office, care of Resource Development. Thank you.

Mission

To create lasting solutions to poverty for families and communities within Southwest Missouri.

Vision

OACAC envisions people living an optimal, empowered life, free from poverty.



Programs and Projects

CSBG Neighborhood/Community Centers

Individualized services helping meet the needs of the community, (417) 350-5544 | www.oacac.itfrontdesk.com

- Case management support focused on personal goals
- Community projects bring hands-on experiences, resources, and assistance to people of all ages
 - Projects include Poverty Simulation, VOICE, REALL, People's Pantries, New To You Thrift Store, and more, based on the needs of the communities we serve
- Life skills workshops, in collaboration with community partners, on topics related to self-sufficiency

Family Planning

Affordable, confidential preventive reproductive health care, (417) 864-3410

- Gynecological examinations and related lab tests
- Breast and cervical cancer screenings
- Birth Control counseling and supplies
- Testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases
- HIV and Syphilis testing (at select locations)
- Pregnancy testing, counseling and referral

Head Start/Early Head Start

Comprehensive early childhood and family development services to children from birth to five years old, pregnant women, and families, (417) 864-3430

- Social-emotional and physical development
- Language, literacy, math, science, and health
- Creative arts
- Family engagement in the child's education
- Personal and family goal setting

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Assistance for an energy related crisis, (417) 864-3460

Energy Assistance (EA)

- A one-time payment per year for one fuel type
- The program operates October - May
- Eligibility is based on household size and income
- Applicants must first apply for EA

Project SHARE

- A City Utilities program in partnership with OACAC (Springfield area) which helps seniors and families
- The program operates January - May

Weatherization Assistance Program

Reduces the energy burden by providing cost-effective, energy efficiency measures, (417) 865-7797

**As of 8/1/21, a home can be re-weatherized 15 years after the original weatherization date.*

- Heating systems and appliances tested for safety and efficiency
- Insulation of attic, floors and walls
- Weather stripping
- Repairs to doors and windows
- Air sealing

Foster Grandparent Program

Volunteers age 55+ providing support to youth ages Pre-K - 12th grade, (417) 864-3420

- Volunteers assist with tutoring, development of fine motor skills, problem solving, communication, good study habits, and other classroom activities
- Volunteers serve as a positive role model

Housing Assistance Program

Safe, decent, affordable housing, (417) 864-3444

- Participants choose their rental home
- Homes must be rent reasonable and pass inspection for HUD Housing Quality Standards
- Participants pay approximately 30% of their adjusted monthly income to rent

Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP)

- Utility assistance to alleviate energy-related crises
- The winter program operates November - May
- The summer program operates June - September
- A shut-off notice from the utility vendor is required

Benefits include

- Reduced energy usage
- Increased energy efficiency of the home
- Long-term energy savings