

You have the **ability** to reach **economic stability**.

*We'll support you along the way.*

Community Action's work to fight poverty is grounded in the belief that everyone has the ability to reach their full potential if provided the right opportunities.

Our work centers on providing those opportunities to the people of Lancaster and Saunders Counties in four impact areas: Early Childhood Education, Homelessness Prevention, Financial and Family Well-Being, and Hunger Relief and Healthy Food Access.



## Hunger Relief and Healthy Food Access



### The Gathering Place

Located at 1448 E Street in Lincoln, the Gathering Place serves free hot and nutritious evening meals. Monday through Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Anyone who needs an evening meal is welcome at the Gathering Place.

### Healthy Food Access Program

In partnership with Food Bank of Lincoln, our Healthy Food Access Program provides hot, healthy meals to children and youth in Lincoln's highest needs neighborhoods.



## Our Programs and Services

Early Head Start | Head Start | Foster Grandparent Program | Emergency Services: rent, utility, & deposit assistance | Supportive Housing | Tenant Support Services | Representative Payee | Affordable Housing | Displaced Tenant Assistance | Free to Save Matched Savings | Opportunity Passport™ | Financial Education and Coaching | Lincoln Community Response | ITIN Application Assistance | Weatherization | The Gathering Place: hot evening meals | Healthy Food Access Program | LanguageLinc, LLC



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Providing **Early Childhood Education, Homelessness Prevention, Financial and Family Well-Being, and Hunger Relief and Healthy Food Access** services in Lancaster and Saunders Counties.

*We empower people living in poverty to reach economic stability.*  
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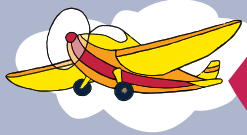


## Early Childhood Education



### Early Head Start and Head Start

Entering kindergarten is the first major step your child will make in his or her educational journey. Our Early Head Start and Head Start programs provide you and your family with all of the supports you need to prepare your child for kindergarten and a lifetime of success.



Two program options to best meet your family's needs:

*CENTER-BASED: Provides center-based services in Lincoln and Wahoo:*

> **Head Start Center at Health 360**

Location: 2301 O Street | Lincoln, NE 68510  
(located on the Health 360 campus)  
Hours: Monday through Friday | 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

> **K Street Head Start Center**

Location: 1821 K Street | Lincoln, NE 68508 (within the west wing of the Purdue Global University building)  
Hours: Monday through Friday | 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM

> **Head Start at North 33rd Street**

Location: 1035 N. 33rd Street Lincoln, NE 68503  
Hours: Monday through Friday | 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

> **Wahoo Elementary School**

Location: 2056 N. Hackberry Street | Wahoo, NE 68066  
Hours: Monday through Friday during the school year with summer enrichment opportunities

*HOME-BASED: Provides services in the home via weekly home visits with the opportunity to participate in twice-monthly playgroup activities.*

### Foster Grandparent Program

Our Foster Grandparent Program supports the developmental needs of children in our Lincoln based Head Start Centers. We actively recruit seniors age 55

and up to participate in this program, who serve as rolemodels, mentors, and friends to children with exceptional needs.



## Homelessness Prevention



### Emergency Services

Our Emergency Services Program provides emergency financial assistance with past-due rent for households with an eviction notice, utilities for households with a disconnect notice, and rent deposit for households transitioning out of homelessness. The program also provides assistance to Lincoln tenants who have been displaced after their homes have been deemed uninhabitable. Case management, including budgeting assistance, is provided.

### Supportive Housing

Our Supportive Housing Program transitions families experiencing homelessness into permanent housing. Families participating in the program receive regular in-home case management with a goal to become fully self-sufficient by program exit.

### Tenant Support Services

Remaining in stable housing often simply means having the knowledge and tools you need to be a successful renter. Our Tenant Support Specialist is available to answer your questions as they pertain to landlord/tenant law in Nebraska and provide mediation as necessary.

### Representative Payee

Our Representative Payee Program oversees responsible use of benefit payments for those receiving S.S.I. or S.S.D.I. and are required to have a Payee.

### Affordable Housing

Through our subsidiary non-profit, Lincoln Action Program Housing Development Corporation, we provide safe, affordable housing through two low-income housing tax-credit financed rental developments in Lincoln and Wahoo.



## Financial and Family Well-Being



### Free to Save Matched Savings

The Free to Save Matched Savings Program offers financial education and 4:1 savings match for home and vehicle purchases, post-secondary education, and small business start-up or expansion.

### Opportunity Passport™

In partnership with the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation, Opportunity Passport™ provides **savings match** and financial coaching to youth ages 14-26 who are in or have aged out of the foster care system. Savings and match may be used for housing, medical, education, vehicles, business start-up or expansion, or other purchases to support greater independence.



### Financial Coaching

Navigating the ins and outs of managing personal finances can be tricky. We provide financial coaching and one-on-one support to give you the skills to save, build/improve credit, reduce debt, and more.

### Lincoln Community Response

Lincoln Community Response is a system of supports focused on enhancing family well-being. The program provides case management and connects families to helpful community resources geared toward preventing entry into the child welfare system.

### ITIN Application Assistance

An ITIN, or Individual Tax Identification Numbers, is required to file taxes for individuals who do not have or are not eligible to obtain a Social Security number. We are a Certifying Acceptance Agent for ITIN applications.

### Weatherization

Does your home feel drafty? Do you think you are paying too much for utilities? Our Weatherization Program can assist with making your home more energy efficient. Services may include furnace and/or water heater repair/replacement, window/door weather stripping, and insulation installation. This program is available to both owners and renters in Lancaster and Saunders Counties.