



Illinois Valley

2017-2018 Annual Report
Helping People, Changing Lives



Mission

Illinois Valley Economic Development Corporation is organized as a charitable and educational organization that exists to serve the community, through programs to assist low-income, disabled, elderly, and individuals and families in need. IVEDC acts to receive, plan, coordinate, and administer Federal, State, Local and private resources towards education, employment and training, housing, energy, food and nutrition, developmental training, transportation, resource coordination, and other such related needs. IVEDC shall be a catalyst and advocate for the interest of its clients in order to improve lives and enrich communities.

Vision

Providing a broad range of individual and family services, designed to change lives, increase self-sufficiency, embody a spirit of hope, improve communities and make our service area a better place to live.

Values

- Increased Client Self-Sufficiency
- Enhancing Communities
- Strengthening Partnerships
- Operational Excellence

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Dear Friends,

Illinois Valley Economic Development Corporation (IVEDC) has offered support to low-and moderate-income members of Macoupin, Jersey, Greene and Calhoun Counties through the programs we administer for over 52 years. When people come to IVEDC, they are struggling and

often without much expectation that their situation will improve. IVEDC helps thousands of the most needy and vulnerable people in our service area – single parents seeking to advance their education or find gainful employment; low-income families struggling to ensure they and their children do not become homeless; individuals with disabilities pursuing work or who cannot afford their utility bills in the winter; prenatal women and young children eager for quality health and education services; individuals lacking reliable transportation to medical appointments, work or school; veterans who cannot afford to make their home energy efficient; and seniors who desire to maintain their independence but need limited daily assistance including nutritious meals.

Our programs and services bring hope to even desperate situations while reassuring people in need to overcome challenges, stabilize their lives, and look forward to a brighter future. With much gratitude, I thank our IVEDC Board of Directors, Leadership Team and Staff, funders and donors, our elected officials, our priceless volunteers, and all of our community partners for their support. The time, resources, and expertise that they provide to IVEDC are invaluable and help our Agency make a significant difference in our communities.

With Warmest Regards,

Tracey W. Kreipe
Executive Director

Community Services Block Grant

What is CSBG?

On July 31, 1981, Congress enacted the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). The CSBG Program offers information, referral, and assistance in securing services from a wide range of social, economical, health and welfare programs available to the low-income, elderly, and other disadvantaged individuals and families. CSBG offers various activities aimed to have a measurable and possible major impact on the causes of poverty in our local community.

What does CSBG do?

- Included once again in CSBG is the Job Placement and Development/Education for Employment Program which provides for sponsorship for short-term training programs such as Certified Nurse's Aide.
- IVEDC implemented a Commercial Drivers License (CDL) Program to provide more support, job skill training, and weekly classes to assist with client needs and class preparation.
- The Cardboard Recycling Project operated at the Jerseyville Rehabilitation Center has provided employment opportunities and benefits the community through its recycling activity.
- IVEDC received funding to continue operation of a 'Homeless Prevention Program' and an Emergency Solutions Grant that allows IVEDC to assist households who are homeless or in 'near homeless/homeless' situations with the provision of rental assistance, and case management.



CSBG Core Services

Job Placement/Development and Employment Projects – 22 individuals served

Provides employment through education services to generate jobs.

Employment Generating Projects – 20 individuals served

Operation of a Cardboard Recycling Project and a Craft Project for adults with disabilities.

Other Employment Projects- 12 individuals served

Provides transportation assistance for employment and educational purposes.

Education – 9 individuals served

Scholarships are available to assist with financial assistance for income eligible college students.

Emergency Services – 79 individuals benefited

Provides emergency services to participants in a crisis situation. (i.e. rental deposit, back rent, water deposit, car repairs, food and clothes vouchers, etc.)

Senior Citizens Programs – 84 individuals benefited

Includes operation of a senior services project to supplement and enhance elderly programming within in the agency.

Family Development/Intervention for Family Stabilization – 116 individuals served

Provides long-term case management and family development services to income eligible households.

Information and Referral - 264 individuals served

Working with community partners throughout our service area, we counsel and direct our clients to proper resources.

Over 606 services were provided to individuals and families this year.

CSBG activities are developed with the ROMA (Results Oriented Management and Activity) model as closely as possible, and the CSBG Work Programs are designed with specific Outcomes in mind.

CSBG Success Story

Miss. B is a single mother of four children. When Miss. B initially came into the office she was working part-time and receiving Social Security. Miss B decided to go back to college to pursue a degree in nursing. The cost of tuition, books, and transportation was too much for Miss B. to afford. Miss B. applied for assistance with a scholarship to help pay the burden of all the fees she has acquired. Miss B. did extremely well in her first year of college and is continuing her education.

Head Start

What is Head Start?

The Head Start program served 242 children aged birth to five providing high quality center based and home based educational, nutritional, social emotional and special needs services. The Head Start program operated in all four counties served by Illinois Valley Economic Development Corporation. The program currently operates seven center locations, with 12 classrooms, and three home visiting teachers.

Head Start offers a unique whole child/whole family program design with a delivery system that includes local programs, national standards, monitoring, professional development, and family engagement.

242 children are served throughout Macoupin, Greene, Jersey, and Calhoun Counties through either the Center-Based or Home-Based option.

284 Children enrolled.

35 Individualized Educational Plans.

256 Families served.

1,043 persons provided volunteer services to the program; 309 of these individuals were current or former Head Start parents.

144 children were transported by IVEDC's fleet of 13 buses.

92% kindergarten transition rate.

Successes include partnerships with North Mac School District to relocate a classroom inside the school, getting that new facility licensed, collaborating with Senior Nutrition Program to provide daily meals to Head Start children in two center locations, and a Madison Communications Teacher of the Year award for the second consecutive year.

Teacher Child Interactions

The program implements CLASS (Classroom Assessment Scoring System) to assess teacher child interactions. This is the same assessment used by the Office of Head Start during monitoring reviews. Currently, the program has three trained and certified observers. Each classroom is monitored a minimum of twice per year.



Promoting Child Health

238 received immunizations

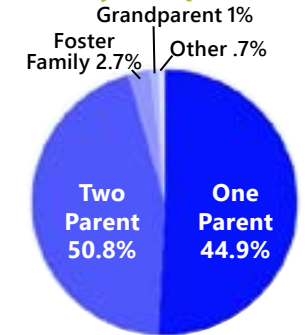
197 completed dental exams

76 children received restorative dental care

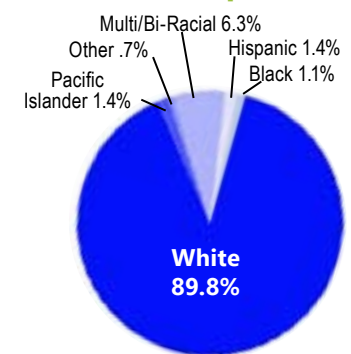
57.45% of children achieved a healthier weight



Family Composition



Racial Composition



3-5 year old children who met or exceeded in six early childhood domain areas:

87% Social/Emotional

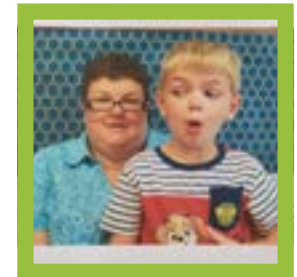
94% Physical

85% Language

88% Cognitive

82% Literacy

80% Math



Energy Assistance

Energy costs place a severe and continuing strain on a household's budget. This can result in a family being forced to make agonizing decisions regarding which bills to pay and which necessities to survive without. Energy services help to alleviate this burden.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is designed to assist eligible low-income households afford the rising cost of their energy bill. Eligible households can receive assistance in these ways:

One-time Benefit: The amount of payment is determined by income, household size, and fuel type(s).

Percentage of Income Payment plan (PIPP) Clients are required to pay 6% of their gross income toward their Ameren bill with the remainder of their budget billing paid by the program.

Reconnection Assistance may be available if a household is disconnected from an energy source needed for heating and/or a delivered fuel supply is at a minimal level. LIHEAP may also provide for repair or replacement of inoperable furnaces for eligible home owners. The LIHEAP Program will provide direct financial assistance, referrals, outreach, and energy efficiency counseling.

Ameren Cares Grant: IVEDC was able to provide assistance to households with someone 65 or over towards their Ameren bill to offset the high electric bill due to extreme temperatures.

Outcomes

LIHEAP is a program whose accomplishments are determined by successful dissemination of funds to those the program is intended to serve, and we are successful in that effort. The regular LIHEAP assistance helps to offset utility costs, helping low income households remain stable, while reconnection assistance helps insure continued service, which also helps maintain household stability, as does the Emergency Furnace Program. The PIPP Program assists with regular monthly payments to help make the payment affordable and promote making regular on time payments. Overall LIHEAP was very successful and through outreach efforts a majority of the clients were helped.

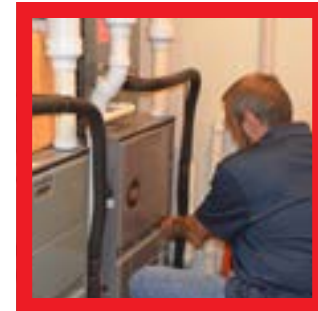
Type of Assistance	Number of Households	Funds Expended
One-Time Benefit	2578	\$1,501,994
PIPP	372	\$376,698
Reconnection	355	\$375,271
Furnace	14	\$27,964

14 LIHEAP Emergency Furnace

Calhoun County.....0
Greene County.....3
Jersey County.....1
Macoupin County...10

Weatherization Assistance Program

The Illinois Home Weatherization Program (IHWAP) is designed to help low-income residents by reducing the energy costs of their homes and ensuring their health, comfort and safety.



Measures performed include:

- Insulating attics, walls, floors
- Seal air infiltration leaks
- Perform health and safety task such as heating system repair or replacement, carbon monoxide detectors, smoke alarms and ASHRAE 62.2 compliant continuous run exhaust fans to prevent indoor air quality problems
- LED light bulbs are also installed as a base load energy saving measure as well as energy efficient refrigerators, freezers and air conditioning units

Funding for the 2018 program year came from three grants, Department of Energy, Health and Human Services, and Weatherization STATE. Ameren Illinois is partnering with the Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program in their territories and are providing funding to our agency to assist in weatherizing homes and perform other energy saving projects.

29 Homes Weatherized

Calhoun County.....	4
Greene County.....	7
Jersey County.....	6
Macoupin County.....	12

Average cost per home: \$11,881



Energy Assistance Success Story

Christy and her family live in a small rural town. Christy is a disabled veteran and receives disability income while her husband works a part-time job. The family fell very behind on their utility bills and even though the household has income they were unable to afford propane. The LIHEAP Program helped Christy and her family keep their utilities connected as well as getting fuel to heat their home. Without the assistance from LIHEAP, Christy and her family would have been without heat and electricity causing unsafe living conditions for their children during the winter months.

Senior Services

In-Home Care

The IVEDC Senior In-Home Care Program is contracted with the Illinois Department on Aging (IDOA) to provide non-medical, one-on-one, in-home assistance to individuals living in Macoupin County, aged 60 and over. Home care aides assist with activities including, but not limited to personal care, housekeeping, laundry, meal preparation, medication reminders, bathing, dressing, grooming, toileting, shopping, and socialization. Aides may also provide transportation for both medical appointments and errands.

The IVEDC Senior In-Home Care Program helps make it possible for senior participants to lead a meaningful, independent life while remaining in the comforts of their own homes.

IVEDC was presented with the opportunity to apply for additional funding through Gap Fill Services for Persons with Dementia. This grant allows us to provide services for individuals with dementia. We submitted two applications for existing home care participants which were approved and allowed us to provide additional in-home service hours.

Success Story

We were pleased to receive notification from the Home Care Aide of the Year Award review board that our nomination of Macoupin County home care aide, Linda Sebastian, had earned her one of the five awards.



Average # of Participants	75
Average # of Home Care Aides	30
Average Monthly Service Hours	1611

Nutrition

Illinois Valley Senior Citizen Nutrition Program was formed in 1974 to provide nutritional meals to senior citizens, age 60 and over. The Program service area includes sites located in Carrollton, Jerseyville, Palmyra, Benld, Grafton, Carlinville and Brighton. The meals are designed to provide at least 1/3 of the recommended daily nutritional needs of senior citizens.

A new Senior Service Program was introduced in Greene County this year. A Matter of Balance was presented in March/April 2018. Twelve individuals registered and completed the course, which took place at the Greene County Senior Center in Carrollton.

Educational and entertaining activities and presentations were implemented, at no cost to the program:

- Medicare education
- Brain & Body Wellness
- Senior Scam/Fraud
- Financial Education
- Living with Alzheimer's
- Arts and Crafts
- Musical Entertainment
- Lunch and A Movie

Nutrition Services

Congregate Meals.....14,808
Home-Delivered Meals...44,832

Most of our facilities are provided by and supported by the cities and senior groups where they are located. Without this local support and our volunteers, Illinois Valley Senior Citizens Nutrition Program could not operate at current funding.



Success Story

In July 2018, the IVEDC Community Outreach staff members, nominated Gale Cole, long-time volunteer at the Silver Strands Senior Center in Palmyra, for the Area Agency on Aging Lincolnland Dorothy S. Kimball Award. Gale was chosen for this award, which honors individuals who work in the field of aging or on behalf of elder adults.

Developmental Disabilities - Day Services

Gillespie Rehabilitation Center

The Gillespie Rehabilitation Center is a day program operating throughout the year serving persons with developmental disabilities who reside in or near our service areas of Macoupin and Southern Montgomery counties. Transportation is offered to all program participants.

The purpose of the Center is to provide for the development of social, recreational, educational, vocational, and independent living skills training with the best possible programming within the least restrictive environment. Services are geared from basic life skills to actual work and skills training required for work tasks.

Staff work with participants, guardians, and parents to best determine needed skills and to set goals, which assist in this endeavor. Several participants are employed at the Coalfield Rest Area on a part-time basis. Many also work on our recycling contract to earn a regular paycheck. Recreational activities are provided both in house and outside the facility.

Success

Satisfaction surveys sent to participants, community organizations, parents/guardians, and customers had an overall **approval rate of 99.5%**.

Gillespie Day Services

Enrollment	46
Macoupin	41
Southern Montgomery	2
Madison	1
Southern Sangamon	2



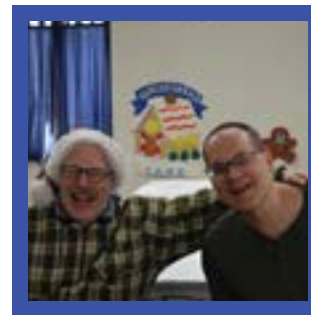
Jerseyville Rehabilitation Center

The clients set their own goals and everyone works together to help them achieve their goals as much as possible. Jerseyville Rehabilitation Center serves persons with developmental disabilities who reside in or near our service areas of Macoupin, Calhoun, Jersey and Greene counties. The purpose of the program is to provide for the development of social, recreational, educational, vocational, and independent living skills, training with the best possible programming within the least restrictive environment for the participants. The main objective is to help participants perform at their highest ability.

All participants are offered the opportunity to earn a paycheck, dependent upon their skills, availability to work, and desire to work. They are paid according to US Department of Labor (USDOL) standards. Cardboard remains the top work opportunity for the participants.

Monthly field trips for IVJRC were implemented. Participants visited Robert Wadlow Statue and History Museum in Godfrey, Melvin Price Locks and Dam in Alton, and saw a Grizzlies Ball Game in Sauget, IL.

Jerseyville Day Services	51
Home-Based Services	19



Tri-County Rural Transit

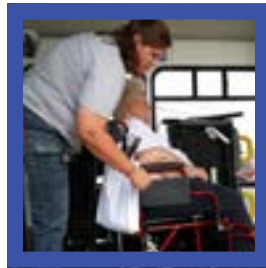
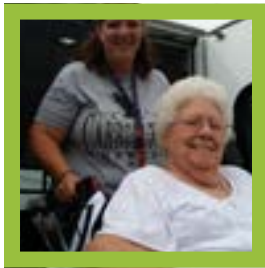
What is Tri-County Rural Transit?

Tri-County Rural Transit is a service that provides affordable and accessible transportation to the residents of Greene, Jersey and Calhoun Counties, partnering with surrounding areas transportation providers to promote independence and self-sufficiency.

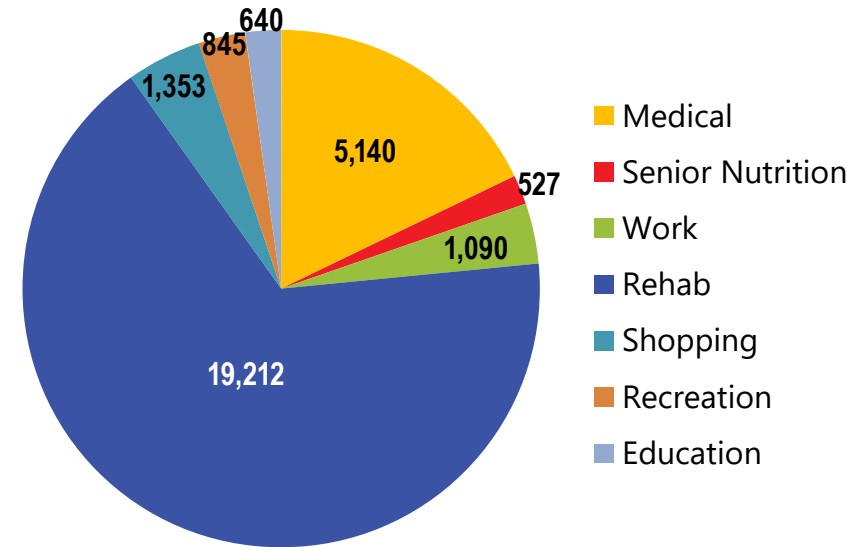
Tri-County Rural Transit serves transportation to Calhoun, Jersey and Greene counties for public, senior citizens and disabled individuals. The program is open for services from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday throughout the year.

Number of Rides Completed: 29,608

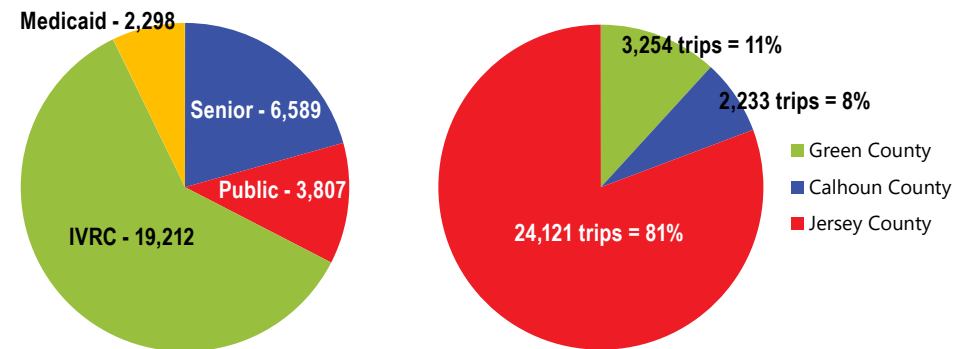
Our Vehicles drove approximately 164,169 miles during 2017-18



Types of Rides Provided



Population Served & Destinations



Unaudited Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

Revenue:	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Federal grant revenue	\$ 4,272,700	\$ -	\$ 4,272,700
USDA reimbursements	165,468	-	165,468
Total federal revenue	4,438,168	-	4,438,168
State grant revenue	1,773,229	-	1,773,229
Other grant revenue	45,993	-	45,993
Fee for service revenue	1,490,363	-	1,490,363
Program income	334,175	-	334,175
Interest income	33,069	-	33,069
Donations	12,834	-	12,834
Other income	15,124	-	15,124
In-kind contributions	120,307	-	120,307
Total revenue	8,263,262	-	8,263,262
Expenditures:			
Energy programs	\$ 2,356,190	\$ -	\$ 2,356,190
Head Start programs	1,818,604		1,818,604
Rehabilitation programs	1,378,369		1,378,369
Senior programs	1,016,122		1,016,122
Housing programs	110,373		110,373
CSBG programs	214,169		214,169
Transportation program	271,615		271,615
Other programs	43,156		43,156
Total program services	7,208,598		7,208,598
Management and general	874,198		874,198
Total expenditures	8,082,796		8,082,796
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	180,466		180,466
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	5,109,962	1,768,727	6,878,689
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 5,290,428	\$ 1,768,727	\$ 7,059,155

Incorporated in 1966

Not for profit

Community Action Agency

This agency designation was created as a result of federal legislation passed in 1964 as part of the Economic Opportunity Act – one of the “Great Society” initiatives

Board has Tri-partite Representation

- 1/3 Local Government
- 1/3 Private Groups/Interests (Lions Club, Salvation Army, Blackburn College etc.)
- 1/3 Participants of agency programs

Service Area

Macoupin, Jersey, Greene and Calhoun Counties

Offices in each county

Administrative Office is located in Gillespie

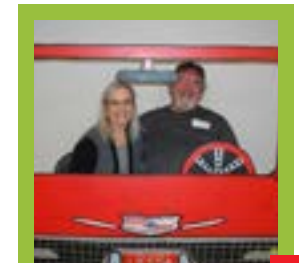
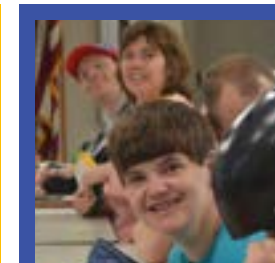
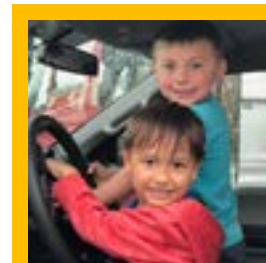
Employs approximately 160 individuals

(full-time and part-time)

Largest Programs

- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- Rehabilitation
- Head Start

Approximately 3,500 households and 7,600 clients served annually



Leadership



Tracey Kreipe
Executive Director



Brenda Pacini
Operations Manager



Lynn Petrelli
Chief Fiscal Officer



Stephanie Stahlhut
CSBG/LIHEAP Coordinator



Amy Hess
Head Start Director



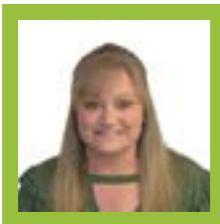
Tom Brown
Weatherization Coordinator



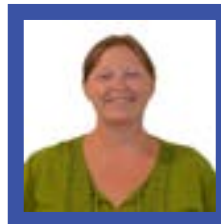
Jennifer Capler
Site Manager
Jerseyville Rehab



Heather Foster
Program Director
Gillespie Rehab



Kim Costello
Senior Services Manager



Lacey Miller
Transportation Director

Locations

County	Programs	Address/Phone
Macoupin	All Programs	Administrative Office 223 S. Macoupin St. Gillespie, IL (217) 839-4431
	Rehabilitation	212 and 217 Walnut Gillespie, IL (217) 839-2195
Jersey	All Programs	Joseph Susnig Civic Complex 405 Mounds Jerseyville, IL (618) 498-9521
	Senior Citizens	Joseph Susnig Civic Complex 804 E. Franklin Jerseyville, IL (618) 498-3483
Greene	All Programs	320 5th St. Carrollton, IL (217)942-6824
Calhoun	All Programs	818 S. Park Hardin, IL (618) 576-2218



Promise of Community Action

Community Action changes peoples 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.

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